

2019 Thomas Collection Cabernet Sauvignon

96 points

"The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon The Thomas Collection is a four-barrel blend of Calistoga and Stags Leap District fruit is named for Michael Baldacci's father, who founded the winery. It's a bit peppery-spicy on the nose, rounded out by leather or suede-like notes, and mixed red and black fruit—think cherries and blackberries. Full-bodied and supple, it boasts a ripe, creamy texture and a long, velvety finish. Future vintages will spend as much as 30 months in oak; sold as 3-bottle boxed sets direct from the winery. \$1,000."



"This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is the pinnacle bottling of Baldacci Family Vineyards, aged for 22 months in 100% new French oak barrels crafted specifically for this wine by Tonnellerie Ó. Just four barrels were produced. Created by Michael Baldacci, it is named in honour of his father, Thomas. The 2022 vintage bursts from the glass with classic blackberry, black cherry, and plum aromas, complemented by cola notes, wild herbs, and a touch of coriander and saffron. It is super luxurious on the palate, featuring rich, chocolatey tannins and a hint of saline minerality, which beautifully nuance the wine's inky dark fruit character. The finish is intense and elegant, with notes of loamy earth and refined oak spices. This wine showcases a harmonious marriage of ripe, up-valley fruit with the mineral-driven character of Stags Leap."

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"The 2019 Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon The Thomas Collection storms out of the glass with powerful scents of crème de cassis, prunes, and fruit cake, giving way to wafts of cigar box, incense, iron ore, and dusty soil. The full-bodied palate is completely coated with black fruit preserves and exotic spice layers, supported by chewy tannins and bright acidity, finishing on a lingering ferrous note."





