

I couldn't have picked a better time to create a Top 100 list for Napa than in 2016. What a year it's been for America's most famous wine region, as most wines I scored were from the glorious 2012 and 2013 vintages. I tasted about 1,000 wines from Napa this year over four different trips. I am committed to the region and its unique wines and fantastic terroir and microclimates.

Continuum Napa Valley 2013 is at No. 5. This bottle shows the superb quality and intensity of mountain grown grapes. I love Pritchard Hill reds, and this Bordeaux blend shows such complexity and structure yet a balance and freshness. This will age beautifully, but it's also hard to resist opening now.

OPUS ONE NAPA VALLEY 2013

DOMINUS NAPA VALLEY 2013

REALM CELLARS OAKVILLE TO KALON VINEYARD 2013

4PAUL HOBBS CABERNET SAUVIGNON OAKVILLE TO KALON 2013

CONTINUUM NAPA VALLEY CONTINUUM 2013

PETER MICHAEL NAPA VALLEY OAKVILLE AU PARADIS 2013

SPOTTSWOODE CABERNET SAUVIGNON ST. HELENA 2013

QUINTESSA RUTHERFORD 2013

9DIAMOND CREEK CABERNET GRAVELLY MEADOW 2013

DOMINUS CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPANOOK 2013