

FEATURED WINES

2007 Willow Springs California Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine drinkers aren't the only folks who love Cabernet Sauvignon. Growers love it, too.

Cabernet berries are small and spherical with black, thick and very tough skin. This toughness makes the grapes fairly resistant to disease and spoilage, and able to withstand some autumn rains with little damage. It is a mid- to late-season ripener. These growth characteristics, along with its flavor appeal, have made Cabernet Sauvignon one of the most popular red wine varieties worldwide.

The best growing sites for producing quality wines from Cabernet grapes are in moderately warm, semi-arid regions that provide a long growing season on well-drained, not-too-fertile soils. Vineyards in Sonoma County's Alexander Valley, much of the Napa Valley, and around the Paso Robles area of California's Central Coast have consistently produced the highest-rated California examples.

In fact, those were among the sources of fruit for this featured Cabernet from Willow Springs. The combination of growing areas and complementary varieties makes this a wine that's easy to love.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

77% Cabernet Sauvignon
& 23% Other Red Varieties

When to Drink:

Now Through Mid-2011

Grape Source:

Select Vineyards in Various
California Growing Regions

Our Tasting Panel Score:

89 Points

Aromas and Flavors:

Cassis, Plum, Tobacco,
Berry Jam and Cedar

This delicious California Cabernet showcases impressions of cassis, plum, tobacco, berry jam and cedar.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: lamb chops, or a broiled steak.

WINE RE-ORDER #: 16535