

Where have all the honest Cabs gone?

The bad press on overblown California Cabernets has intensified lately, but if you know where to look, you can still find great wines hiding in plain sight.

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Top California Cabernets

HERE'S a sampling of Cabernets in the market that in my estimation give off a strong, honest sense of Cabernet in the glass, and do so with some balance and restraint:

2003 J. Davies Diamond Mountain District Cabernet. From the Davies family that has made Schramsberg sparkling wines for years, this new wine is a dark, sumptuous red with plenty of generous fruit and ample textures. Plenty of rich California fruit flavors, but they're nicely grounded by fine gripping tannins.