

The Wine Society of Heritage Oaks

***Cabernet
Sauvignon***

3/18/2026

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The Five S's of Wine Tasting

1. **See** – color, clarity, viscosity (legs)
2. **Swirl** – aerate to add oxygen, release aromas
3. **Sniff** – aroma, nose into glass and slow sniff, primary (from grapes-fruit, floral, herbs), secondary (from winemaking-bread, yeast, butter, cream, cheese), tertiary (from aging-leather, tobacco, dried fruit, forest floor)

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4. **Sip** – taste, primary (fruit, floral, spice), secondary (oak and fermentation-related flavors), tertiary from aging (mushroom, tobacco, nuttiness)
 - Sweetness – is it dry, off dry, or sweet?
 - Acidity – does your mouth water?
 - Tannin – does it feel drying on your gums like strong tea?
 - Body – light, medium, or full weight in your mouth
 - Finish – how long does the flavor last (short – disappears quickly, medium – 10 seconds, long – flavors linger and evolve)
 5. **Savor** – the finish, length, balance of fruit, acidity, tannin, and texture. Do you want another sip?

Cabernet Sauvignon

- Originally from 17th – century Bordeaux, France as a natural cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc grapes.
- It is the World's most widely planted grape.
- World-renowned for a full-bodied red wine with bold tannins, high acidity, which allows it to age well.
- It has rich fruit flavors paired with oak-aged notes of tobacco and spices.
- It typically is 13.5% or higher ABV (Alcohol By Volume) and pairs well with grilled meats and aged cheeses.

Cabernet Sauvignon

- Five different regions around the world
- Note as we taste each wine
 - Color
 - Aroma
 - Taste
 - Finish
 - Which one is your favorite?



Coonawarra, Australia

- Australia's most classic Cabernet styles.
- Famous for red 'terra rossa' soil over limestone.
- Cabernets often show blackcurrant fruit, dark chocolate with hints of mint or eucalyptus and firm tannins.
- Paired with Bacon wrapped date stuffed with smoked gouda cheese



Texas Cabernet

- Canada Family Vineyard Reserve 2023, Texas High Plains
- Warmer climate produces riper fruit flavor and higher alcohol
- Does this wine feel bigger or riper or fuller or slightly richer than the first wine?
- Paired with Smoked Brisket



Maipo Valley, Chile

- Near the Andes produces elegant well-balanced Cabernets.
- Known for ripe cassis, black cherry, distinct herbal or dusty notes and sometimes cedar notes.
- Many consider Maipo wines excellent values.
- Smooth tannins, is this smoother than the Texas wine?
- Paired with Mushroom cap stuffed with lamb risotto



Napa Valley, California

- Napa is famous for powerful Cabernet Sauvignon.
- Famous for opulent, fruit-forward, and high-alcohol styles with lush black fruit and vanilla notes.
- Expect ripe black fruit, vanilla from oak aging, spice, full body, and a long finish.
- Is this the richest wine so far?
- Paired with Eggplant parmesan square



Bordeaux, France

- The birthplace of the grape.
- These wines are more earthy and mineral-driven.
- They show tobacco, blackcurrant, cedar, higher acidity, more restrained fruit, and structure as classic 'Old World Style'.
- Does this wine feel more earthy or structured than Napa?
- Paired with Dark chocolate truffle





The Wine Society of Heritage Oaks

*A group dedicated to studying, understanding and
tasting (of course!) wines from all over the world.*

If you enjoyed the 'bubbly', you are going to **LOVE the RED!**

Join us to explore the delicious **Cabernet Sauvignon**

From Australia – Texas – Chile – California - and France!

And, of course, **THE PAIRINGS!!**

Wednesday, March 18th from 6:00-7:30

PLEASE NOTE! Due to insurance concerns, this event will be held at:

708 Palo Duro Canyon Trail

Cost: \$15.00

Please bring your **cash*** to: **708 Palo Duro Canyon Trl.** to reserve your seat.

Deadline is **March 13th.**

*This event is not held under the governance of the HOA so (sorry) no checks.