

2009 Carter Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Coliseum Block Napa Valley

Winery: Carter Cellars

Style: Red Wine

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Napa



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Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June '11

(80% cabernet sauvignon and 20% merlot): Full ruby. Slightly reduced, medicinal nose hints at primary berries, licorice and minerals. Then sweet and thick in the mouth, with flavors of blackberry, blueberry and licorice complicated by a gamey nuance. Slightly bitter on the end, but the clenched tannins arrive late. This very persistent wine needs a racking. **90-92 points**

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Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May 12

(an 80/20 blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot; from vines planted on a rocky, north-facing terrace): Good full ruby. Sweet aromas of cassis, licorice, minerals and bitter chocolate. Thick, sweet and rocky, with plush, highly concentrated, very primary fruit flavors. This is pliant from the start but really needs four or five years of additional bottle aging. The very long finish features suave tannins. **93 points**