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# CONNOISSEURS' GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA WINE



## Best Wines of the Year 2019

Selections by Stephen Eliot. January 2020.

Blessed with a succession of fine harvests and constant refinement by vintners and growers of the winemaking art, 2019 proved to be a banner year as your trusty editors tasted through thousands of wines for Connoisseurs' Guide. As is our custom as we look back over the past twelve months, we take a moment to give special mention to those that have left indelible and enduring impressions as the very best of a remarkable lot, and we once again humbly offer our thoughts on those that stood out as the most memorable wines of the year.

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The white wines of Bordeaux are the avowed model for this impeccably crafted, multi-layered wine that offers a much different perspective on fine Sauvignon Blanc than its slightly brighter and racier cellarmate. Combining grapefruit, pineapple, minerals, sweet oak and a touch of fresh grass, it is full, fleshy and quite firm in feel with a sensationally long finish, and its considerable richness does not rely upon pushy ripeness. It will be prove be every bit as long-lived as its somewhat leaner sibling, and the two rank among the more serious and collectable Sauvignon Blancs to be had.

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