

# CHATEAU MONTELENA WINERY

ESTABLISHED 1882

## Montelena Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 1996



**"Outstanding.** Another behemoth Cabernet Sauvignon is the stern, tannic, concentrated 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate. Full-bodied, but closed, with gorgeously pure black fruits, powerful, loamy, earthy scents along with fruit and extract. Should easily last through the first 2-3 decades of the next century."

**93+**

*Robert M. Parker, Jr. - The Wine Advocate*

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**"Superb.** A showpiece of harmony and grace, though my raw notes are somewhat disjointed: 'Toast, smoke. Herbal, cassis. Sweet, intense, creamy and supple. Very easy drinking--surprisingly so, but firms up considerably on the finish. Great potential.'" **95**

*Joe Czerwinski - Wine Enthusiast*

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**"Outstanding.** Spicy, roasted aromas of cassis, black plum, toasty oak and pepper... The tannins are quite fine for the vintage and there's excellent finishing persistence." **90**

*Stephen Tanzer - International Wine Cellar*

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