



SBRAGIA

FAMILY VINEYARDS

WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON MT. VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

At 1800 feet elevation, Duane Wall's picturesque vineyard on Mt. Veeder is an ideal spot for growing classic mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. An old site that Duane replanted in 1998, the vineyard comprises a series of steep hillsides and mixed volcanically-derived soils. Accessed through a long, winding road, it's easy to see why Duane is so passionate about this remote vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines that cling to its slopes produce small clusters of deeply concentrated grapes that lead to statuesque wines with immense aging potential.

2010 WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 93

Vinous Media

"Dark red cherries, plums, smoke, licorice and exotic spices wrap around the palate in the 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Wall Vineyard. A wine of true personality and distinction, the 2010 boasts gorgeous richness and purity in its fruit. This is a relatively supple, generous style for Mt. Veeder Cabernet, but it works, and beautifully.." – A. Galloni

2009 WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 92

Wine Advocate

Another compelling wine, Sbragia's 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Wall Vineyard is full of impulsive energy. Bitter chocolate, menthol, plums, licorice and tar explode from the glass in a rich, powerful wine loaded with Mt. Veeder character. The superb, vivid saline-infused finish adds to the wine's personality and energy. There is no shortage of personality here. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2029. Ed Sbragia can be counted on for wines that deliver consistently outstanding quality and plenty of personality. His 2009 Cabernets are particularly of note.

Rated 91- "Outstanding Cabernets of 2009"

Wine Spectator

Dense and earthy, with a cedary, forest floor rusticity...becoming more appealing on the finish. Chewy tannins. Drink now through 2026. – J. Laube

Rated 93+

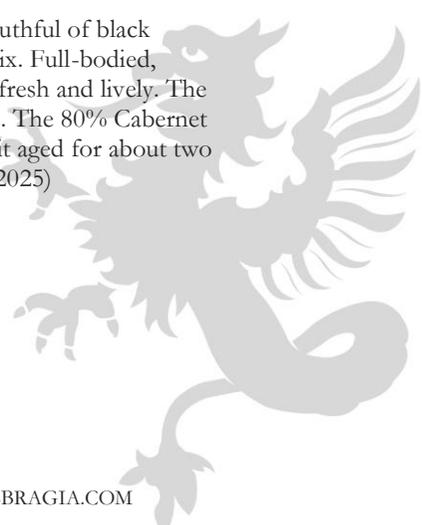
International Wine Report

The 2009 Sbragia Cabernet Sauvignon Wall Vineyard is really tasty, offering a mouthful of black cherries, cassis, spices, herbs, licorice, chocolate and even some minerals in the mix. Full-bodied, powerful, concentrated and plush, but has just enough acidity to keep everything fresh and lively. The finish is long and polished pumping out more chocolate and dark mountain fruits. The 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc was racked into small French oak barrels where it aged for about two years prior to bottling. This has a bright future but give it some time. (Best 2015-2025)



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2007 WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 96

Wine Advocate

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Wall Vineyard is potentially the best of all these Cabernets. Blueberry liqueur intermixed with violets, graphite, lead pencil, and cassis is followed by a superbly concentrated, full, layered wine with tremendous purity and depth. All of these wines are essentially 90% or more Cabernet Sauvignon with the balance Cabernet Franc. The Wall Vineyard has about 10% Cabernet Franc, the highest percentage of any of these cuvees. – R. Parker Jr.

Rated 96

The Tasting Panel

Rich and explosive with deep flavors of black raspberry, cassis and plum with minerals and licorice nuance; supple, toasted and floral with great intensity and lovely balance; stunning. – A. D. Blue

Rated 93

International Wine Cellar, May/June 2010

Wild, exotic aromas of dark fruits and licorice lifted by violet. Then sweet, tight and powerful, with broad black cherry and cassis flavors enlivened by minerality. The largest-scaled and most powerful of this set of cabernets, but with the stuffing to support its substantial ripe tannins. Ends with a perfumed note of candied violet. "My kind of cabernet," notes Ed Sbragia. – S. Tanzer
<http://www.wineaccess.com/tanzer>

Rated 92

Wine Spectator

Rustic and rough-hewn, dense and chewy, with intense wild berry, cola, mineral, forest floor, cedar and graphite. Yet for all its wildness and rusticity, there's much to be enjoyed in hiking through the rocky mix of flavors...

2006 WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 93

Wine News

Garnet hue with a feathered rim. Heady aromas of kirsch, mint, blueberry, warm caramel and graphite. Elegant and stylish with supple plum and black cherry fruit laced with spicy oak. Fruit-driven finish with lingering black fruit notes.

Rated 90

Wine Advocate

The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Wall Vineyard has a dense purple color, sweet *crème de cassis* notes mixed with blue fruits, acacia flowers, and hints of espresso roast and white chocolate. It is full-bodied, dense, powerful, and very impressive. This wine comes from a high-elevation Cabernet vineyard planted at 1,800 to 2,000 feet. – R. Parker Jr.

Rated 93

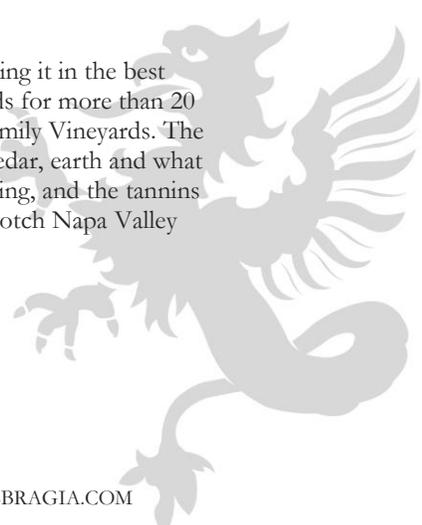
Wine Review Online

The genius of Ed Sbragia is that he takes what the vineyard gives him while showing it in the best light. He did as much time and again as the chief winemaker of Beringer Vineyards for more than 20 years, and he has carried it over into his personal winemaking venture, Sbragia Family Vineyards. The '06 Wall Vineyard Cabernet exhibits ripe, deep black fruit aromas, with hints of cedar, earth and what the French call garrigue. There is a slight tobacco backnote that is warm and inviting, and the tannins are ripe and smooth, though ample enough for extended cellaring. This is a top-notch Napa Valley Cabernet built for the long haul. – R. Whitley



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2005 WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Wine News

Heady aromas of kirsch, mint, blueberry, warm caramel and graphite. Elegant and stylish with supple plum and black-cherry fruit laced with spicy oak. Fruit-driven finish with lingering black fruit notes.

Wine Spectator

Displays a complex mix of dried currants, green olive, sage, cedary oak and herbal scents, yet this manages to keep everything in proportion. Smooth-textured, ending with taut tannins and creamy oak. – J. Laube

Rated 93

Wine Advocate

It is a stunning, opaque purple-hued effort displaying notes of crème de cassis, camphor, incense, and licorice. Deep, pure, and full-bodied with broad, savory flavors, and sweet tannin, it should drink well for two decades or more. – R. Parker Jr.

Rated 92-94

International Wine Cellar

Deep, rich aromas of black berries, musky espresso, smoke and chocolate mint. Very rich, ripe and plump on entry, then supple and chocolaty in the middle. The most voluminous wine in this group of 2005 Cabernets. Finishes with full, sweet, fine-grained tannins and terrific persistence. – S. Tanzer

2004 WALL VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Rated 91

Wine Spectator

Smooth, rich and savory, with supple currant, herb, anise, rosemary and cedary oak, all folded together in a smooth, focused style, ending with a complex after taste. Best from 2009 through 2013. – J. Laube

Rated 93

Wine & Spirits

Balances pungent mountain soil character with supple fruit; a cellar-worthy wine that still offers the most immediate pleasure from Sbragia's vintage collection. – J. Greene

Rated 93

Wine News, June/July 2008

Superb fruit...a seamless, densely packed mountain Cabernet that offers aromas of black fruit, cassis, bacon fat and spice with a brambly-minty edge. Rich, extracted flavors of black cherry and cassis, vanilla custard and mocha are palate arresting. Nothing demure about this wine, which with its sinewy tannins and enormous depth, is sure to gain even more complexity with cellaring. – L. Farmer



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