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# TEN SUPER IMPRESSIVE NAPA CABS

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I live in Napa Valley and have come to know the rhythm of its seasons and the evolving styles of its winemakers. Here are ten *fantastic* Cabernets from my recent tastings. They're all on the market now, but I'm sure they'll be snapped up soon, so move fast. What makes these Cabs so special? Beauty over weight. Precision over power. A lit-from-within aliveness. Plus freshness. Napa Cabernet without freshness has all the charm of flat Coke. (Wines below are listed in random order.)

### **CROSBY ROAMANN Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 (Napa Valley, CA) \$85**

Husband and wife owners and self-taught winemakers Juliana and Sean McBride started Crosby Roamann (grandparents' names) in 2007 with a "prayer" and on "a bootstrap." The winery—in an industrial area of downtown Napa—may be modest, but this Cabernet is fantastic. Savory, sophisticated, loaded with deep plum, cassis, and vanilla bean flavors, and very long. 95 points KM