



CHAPPELLET

PRITCHARD HILL

2016

Wine Advocate

“The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill has a very deep garnet-purple color. To smell the nose is like hearing angels trumpeting at the pearly gates! The most incredible and evocative scents come spilling out of the glass, conjuring notions of freshly crushed black raspberries, wild blueberries, red and black currant compote and raspberry leaves with subtler hints of roses, violets, tilled soil, cigar box and fragrant earth. Medium to full-bodied and achingly graceful in the mouth, the perfumed black and red fruits seemingly dance on the palate with a very firm yet beautifully fine-grained texture and just the right amount of freshness, finishing with epic persistence. Hallelujah—this is perfection!!” **100 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, October 2018

Wine Advocate

“Chappellet –A Complete 50-Year Retrospective”

“A barrel sample blended of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Malbec, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is deep garnet-purple colored with a gloriously pure and intense nose of crushed wild blueberries and black currants plus hints of roses, violets, spice box and charcuterie with wafts of cigar box and pencil lead. Very big and rich, with the full body offering voluptuous blue and black fruits, it's accented by loads of spices, finishing long and savory.”

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Vinous

“Napa Valley’s Extraordinary 2016 Cabernet Sauvignons”

“This range of new releases from Chappellet shows off the 2016 vintage to great effect. The wines are nuanced, open-knit and spectacularly delicious.”

2016 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“Just as it was from barrel, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is magnificent. Powerful and explosive on the palate, the 2016 simply has it all. The interplay of fruit density, power and vibrancy is simply dazzling. Raspberry jam, mocha, wild flowers, mint and cedar open up in the glass, but it is the wine's textural brilliance, stature and vibrancy that leave the deepest impression. Time in the glass brings out a more floral and red-toned character to

round things out in style.” **97 Points: A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines**
-Antonio Galloni, December 2018

Wine Review Online

“The flagship wine of a truly outstanding portfolio, and one worthy of the title. This vintage shows an elegant rusticity that will unfold over time, whether in your current glass taken slowly or in a glass far down the calendar line. Deep blackberry, cassis, mocha and cigar aromas lead to a dense palate, where firm tannic structure carries the elements and hints of spice join in the dance, lingering shyly now, and intensifying with air time. A serious cellar trophy wine. Contains 14% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec.” **96 Points**
-Rich Cook, October 2018

Vinous

“I tasted a wide range of wines with Molly and Cyril Chappellet and their longtime winemaker, Phillip Corallo-Titus. Chappellet’s Cabernet Sauvignon Signature remains one of the best values in Napa Valley, while the flagship Pritchard Hill bottling has gained in refinement in recent years.”

2016 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is laced with the essence of black cherry, plum, licorice, lavender and cloves. Tasted next to the 2015, the 2016 shows darker tonalities of fruit and a level of textural unctuousness that is impossible to miss. Soft, silky and polished, the 2016 is quite harmonious for a young Chappellet Cabernet.” **94-97 Points: Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines**

-Antonio Galloni, January 2018

JamesSuckling.com

“This is so plush and refined with a beautiful core of fruit and brightness. Full-bodied, round and juicy. Chocolate, spices and solid yet polished tannins. A pretty barrel sample suggesting excellence.” **96-97 Points: A must buy**

-James Suckling, May 2018

JamesSuckling.com

“2016: Napa’s Fifth Consecutive Outstanding Vintage”

“Napa Valley is releasing another outstanding vintage for reds with the 2016, making it the fifth top year in a row for the Sunshine State.”

2016 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“Very rich, ripe, sweetly fruited cabernet with an intense array of boysenberry, blueberry and blackcurrant aromas, as well as violet-like florals. The palate has a plush, seamless and cleverly articulated array of ripe, long, detailed and very concentrated blackcurrants. This is impressive.”

95 Points: A must buy

-James Suckling, November 2018

Forbes

“Wines Of The Week: A Napa Cabernet For The Ages”

“If I can’t stock my cellar with massive bottles of Screaming Eagle--and how I wish I could!--what else could I drink instead? The answer was right in front of me: Several weeks ago, I attended an absolutely incredible tasting of Cabernet Sauvignons from also-cult-worthy **Chappellet Pritchard Hill**.

Now, bottles of this nearly-five-decade-old wine are virtually impossible to come by, but recent vintages are deeply rewarding, too. Which is why the **2016 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon** is my red Wine of the Week. For while it hasn’t yet developed those mind-boggling secondary and tertiary bottle-age notes like its Nixon-era counterpart, the potential is there, and in abundance.

Sourced from Chappellet’s Pritchard Hill mountain vineyard, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon starts with notable richness on the nose, even this early in its certain to be decades-long lifespan, with chocolate, scorched earth, cassis, and suggestions of blueberry, all laying the foundations for a brilliantly structured palate bursting with black cherries, currants, and sweet spice, lifted with flashes of mint and violets that vibrate through the long finish. **It’s a haunting wine, a gorgeous evocation of one of the top vineyards in the world for Cabernet, and a bottle that promises decades of pleasure to come.**

2016 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

The rich yet detailed nose immediately indicates that this is **a wine of immense pleasure and potential**, with cassis and a touch of blueberry joined by plum, chocolate, grilled sage, and scorched earth: The balance between fruit and more savory aspects here is otherworldly.

These lay the foundation for a palate of impressive generosity and structure, with a beautiful minty lift to flavors of black cherry and currant, sweet spice, and violets that ride through the long finish. It’s rare to find a wine with so many decades in front of it that is this **memorable** so early. **Beyond stunning.**

Chappellet Pritchard Hill is the source of some of **the finest Cabernet Sauvignon in the world**, and the 2016 will likely be remembered as **among their greatest bottlings.**”

-Brian Freedman, January 2019

The Colorado Springs Gazette

“Giving the gift of fine wine”

“Now’s the time to find an exceptional wine to give the wine aficionado in your life. I’m here to recommend several exciting California cabernet sauvignons and merlots to help you decide; each will say you cared enough to select something special.

2014 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

Chappellet Vineyard has been **producing highly prized wines since 1967**, and its flagship Pritchard Hill has become one of Napa’s iconic cabernets. The most expensive wine here, it **is without question amazing**. Everything about this mountain-grown wine is large scaled, with richness and complexity throughout. It has the structure composition to evolve and drink well for at least 20 years.”

-Rich Mauro, December 2018

2015

JebDunnuck.com

“Napa Valley: Napa’s Exuberant, Powerful 2015s”

“Also inky colored, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill comes from the estate vineyard on Pritchard Hill and spent 22 months in new French oak. It has a similar level of purity, as well as incredible minerality, to go with notes of crème de cassis, scorched earth,

crushed rock, and graphite. Reminiscent of licking a rock with its insane level of minerality, this full-bodied beauty is tight and closed on the palate yet is just loaded with potential. It's only for those with cold cellars and needs forgotten for 7-8 years but will keep for 4-5 decades. Bravo!" **100 Points: As good as it gets. These wines reach the peak of my personal scale of quality.**

-Jeb Dunnuck, December 2017

Wine Advocate

"USA, California, Napa Valley: Chappellet –A Complete 50-Year Retrospective"

"A blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot and 8% Malbec, the deep garnet-purple colored 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill has gone a little reticent at this stage, offering quiet notions of blackberry pie and blueberry tart with sparks of dried herbs, earth and savory/meaty suggestions. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated with a built-like-a-brick-house structure framing the massive fruit, it finishes long with exotic spices coming through."

97 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume

-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, May 2018

Wine Advocate

"Opaque purple-black in color, the intensely scented 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is already strutting its stuff, revealing gregarious crème de cassis, baked plums and blackberry preserves notes over notions of cigar box, new leather, charcuterie and tar, plus menthol and sautéed herbs wafts. Full-bodied, concentrated and expressive in the mouth, it features firm, finely grained tannins and plenty of freshness framing the generous fruit, finishing on a lingering herbal note. 2017 –2037." **97 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

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Vinous

"The Chappellets were the early pioneers of Pritchard Hill and remain one of the leading families in Napa Valley. This is a superb set of new releases. The Pritchard Hill Cabernet remains the estate's top wine."

2015 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

"A deep, unctuous wine, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill captures the essence of the year in its imposing, concentrated personality. Crème de cassis, graphite, gravel, smoke, spice, cloves and lavender infuse this inky, layered, rich Cabernet Sauvignon. Even with all of its intensity, the 2015 is never heavy or overdone, rather it has all the potential to develop into one of the wines of the vintage. The interplay of huge fruit and imposing tannins offers plenty of intrigue."

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-Antonio Galloni, December 2016

JamesSuckling.com

"Blackcurrants and black olives with hints of currants and basil. Hints of rosemary and lavender. This is linear and bright with a racy line of tannins running down the center. Structured and bright. A real beauty. Needs three or four years to soften. Classic cabernet." **96**

Points: A must buy

-James Suckling, May 2018

Vinous

“The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is dense, powerful and voluptuous in the glass, and yet it very much retains a classic sense of structure that is one of the signatures of Chappellet wines. Dark red-toned fruit, licorice, smoke, dark spice and dried flowers all meld together. Sumptuous and forward, with terrific depth, the 2015 has a lot to offer. The 100% new French oak is beautifully integrated, even at this early stage. A year ago, the 2015 was hugely tannic. Since then, the tannins have softened and the 2015 has developed into a much more elegant wine. 2023 –2040.”

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-Antonio Galloni, January 2018

JamesSuckling.com

“The blackberry, chocolate and mushroom character with leaves is prevailing. Full body, firm and tight tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Very structured.” **96-97 Points: A must buy**

-James Suckling, May 2017

2014

Wine Advocate

“USA, California, Napa Valley: Chappellet –A Complete 50-Year Retrospective”

“Made up of 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is deep garnet-purple in color with an incredibly youthful, primary fruited nose of crushed blackcurrants, blackberries and plums with touches of chocolate box, espresso, cinnamon stick, cloves and menthol. It's a big, blockbuster, rich style with the full-bodied palate sporting tons of black and blue fruits, structured with a solid frame of ripe, grainy tannins and just enough freshness, finishing long.” **99 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, May 2018

JamesSuckling.com

“Top 100 Napa and Sonoma Wines of 2017”

#34 –2014 Chappellet Prichard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“This shows great structure and muscle with a firm and flexing tone. Full-bodied, tight and reserved. Currants, black truffles and espresso. A classic structure that harks back to the great Chappellets of the 1970s. Savory. What length. Will improve with many years, but it's still a dream to drink now.” **98 Points: A must buy**

-James Suckling, January 2018

Wine Advocate

“The flagship wine, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill, 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec, is **a stunner and one of the great, great 2014s**. Inky purple with blueberry and blackberry fruit, cassis, licorice, graphite and white flowers, the wine is stunningly concentrated, full-bodied and seemingly one of the greatest of the 2014s. Still youthful, with at least 25-30 years of upside potential at the minimum, this is a wine for patient connoisseurs. Anticipated maturity: 2023-2050.” **99 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

-Robert Parker, December 2016

Vinous

“The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is every bit as **magnificent** today as it was last year from barrel. Inky, concentrated and regal in its pedigree, the 2014 is all class. The 2014 is not as bombastic or huge as the 2013. Instead, it is a wine of **total finesse and elegance**. The purity of the fruit is simply striking. This is a mesmerizing, utterly compelling wine from the Chappellet family. 2022 –2044”**97 Points: Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines**

-Antonio Galloni, December 2016

Vinous

“Quality is on the rise at Chappellet, **one of the most historic wineries in Napa Valley**. Winemaker Philip Corallo-Titus credits new state of the art optical sorting equipment for much of the upswing in quality. Corallo-Titus adds that the recently built new winery also allows him to keep temperatures low during aging and therefore use less SO2. There is no question **the newer wines at Chappellet are terrific.**”

2014 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill might turn out to be better than the 2013, as it has a bit more focus, delineation and energy. Although it is quite early, the 2014 offers superb potential. The flavors are intensely mineral and savory today, while the wine possesses magical translucence and tons of personality. The sample I tasted was 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, but the final wine may include blenders. Winemaker Philip Corallo-Titus adds that 2014 is a low tannin vintage at Chappellet, so the wines spent a bit longer than normal on the skins.”**94-97 Points: A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines**

-Antonio Galloni, October 2015

WineSpeed

“Overachievers”

“Chappellet’s PH cabernets always have a dark, sexy personality. They’re majestic wines, tight and even angular when young, but always hugely expressive and delicious.” **95 Points**

-Karen MacNeil, October 2018

Wine Enthusiast

“From the producer’s site which is situated at 1,800-feet in elevation, this is a beautifully put together wine, blended with 14% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec. It serves to celebrate the soil, exuding strong elements of sage, earth, graphite and crushed rock. Amidst the terroir is a richness of blackberry, clove and chocolate. Full bodied, it retains structure and grace.”**95 Points: Superb; a great achievement**

-Virginie Boone, December 2018

Bullz-Eye

“15 wine gift ideas for any budget”

“Napa Valley’s Chappellet has been a family winery in Napa Valley for more than 50 years now. Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon is the **most iconic wine** in their lineup, and the 2014 vintage continues to burnish that image. There is a depth, purity and structure that come with mountain-grown fruit that isn’t replicable in any other manner. Those elements are here in droves. Blackberry and black cherry are evident on the nose along with some spice notes. Leather, chocolate, wisps of vanilla and an avalanche of dark fruit drives the full-flavored

palate. Minerals and earth dominate the impossibly long finish. Napa Valley has a lot of terrific Cabernet Sauvignon, and **Pritchard Hill is among the very best.**"

-Gabe Sasso, December 2018

Food & Wine

"10 Cabernet Sauvignons From Napa Valley That Challenge the 'Reds from California' Stereotype"

"The magic of California in general, and Napa in particular, it seems, is its tremendous range of terroirs and the increasing number of producers who are working so hard to express their little patch of the planet through the wine in the bottles they produce. Here are 10 varietally labeled Cabernet Sauvignons from Napa Valley, listed alphabetically, that are doing it particularly well, and in a broad range of styles.

2014 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

Aromas of freshly laid tar mingle with wild mushrooms, fresh spearmint, and currants, turning to a palate of sweet cherry, scorched earth, and cinnamon stick, all vibrating with gorgeously calibrated acidity. I love the jasmine and roibos notes on the finish."

-Brian Freedman, October 2018

Houston Lifestyles & Homes

"Chappellet's 50th Anniversary: Raising A Glass To A Wine Pioneer"

"Pritchard Hill is now one of the most famous vineyard-designated wine spots in the world for the production of Cabernet Sauvignon, with world-class neighbors such as Colgin and Continuum attesting to that fact. But the pioneers were the Chappellets.

When Phillip Corallo-Titus became winemaker in 1990, the tide began to turn slowly toward more ripe fruit and tender tannins, so that today, the wines still have a fabulous future, but are drinkable at release.

The current winery offerings from Chappellet are all outstanding."

2014 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

"This wine has many descriptive words from different wine writers, but none seem to be the same. The wine has unbelievable persistence and the panoply of layers of flavors are stunning; thus, in this subjective adventure of tasting this great wine, different fruits, flowers, herbs etc. abound for different palates. Some descriptors are crème de cassis, blackberry, decadent, voluptuous, sweet tobacco, vanilla, clove and perfect kiss of oak. Add a powerful but smooth and long, satisfying finish. A perfect 100."

-Denman Moody, March 2018

2013

Wine Advocate

"USA, California, Napa Valley: Chappellet –A Complete 50-Year Retrospective"

"8% Malbec, 6% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, the deep garnet-purple colored 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill gives gregarious crème de cassis, baked blackberries, black cherry compote and mocha notes with touches of camphor, star anise, violets and oolong tea. Full-bodied and packing a rock-solid frame of grainy tannins, with great freshness supporting the powerful, muscular fruit, it finishes very, very long. This should live forever." **99 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

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-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, May 2018

Wine Advocate

“Inky bluish/purple with a stunning nose of white flowers, crushed rock, blueberry, black raspberry and cassis, this is a great, great effort in this vintage, which is not that surprising, but this youthful wine still seems in its infancy and certainly has huge upside to it. It’s very deep and full-bodied, but still coiled very tight and restrained, this should turn out to be a tour de force and a great offering in 2013. Don’t touch it for another 5-7 years. 2016-2023”

98+ Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume

-Robert Parker, December 2015

Creators

“The Top 40”

“I have checked the records and recorded my 40 most highly rated wines of 2017. These wines are the cream of the crop, the wines that I found most inspiring and profound, each with a numerical rating of 96 points or greater. Wines are chosen for review because they represent outstanding quality or value, and the scores are simply a measure of this reviewer's enthusiasm for the recommended wine.”

Chappellet

“The beautiful cabs of Chappellet helped launch the careers of storied winemakers Tony Soter and Cathy Corison. Phillip Corallo-Titus has been the winemaker since 1990. And that brings us to the latest release of Chappellet's Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon from the 2014 vintage. It is a monumental wine from the winery I have long thought to be the cradle of cabernet sauvignon in the Napa Valley. Years ago, when I turned the attention of my wine collection from Bordeaux to Napa Valley cabernet, Chappellet was at the top of my list. Chappellet cabernet reminded me of my favorite Bordeaux, the first-growth Chateau Haut-Brion, which had the ability to age magnificently. If the Napa Valley were to have a classification, I have no doubt Pritchard Hill would be assigned first-growth status. If the price gives you pause, consider that this is a collector's wine in a league with top-notch Bordeaux that would cost three to five times more. It is a special wine that deserves a special price.”

2013 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“The Pritchard Hill is Chappellet's benchmark cab, and the 2013 is another masterpiece. Richly layered with impressive depth and length, this wine offers up succulent notes of ripe blackberry, currant and blueberry, with subtle notes of wood spice. The tannins are ample but supple, suggesting a bright future. It's clearly one of the stars of the exceptional 2013 vintage.” **98 Points**

-Robert Whitley, December 2017

Vinous

“Even today, Chappellet's surroundings are pretty rustic, so it's hard to imagine what things were like back in the 1960s, when the winery was founded. Winemaking is mostly done in the new facility that is just a few years old, while the original barn-like building is mostly used for receiving guests. The sense of history is palpable, for **this is where some of the most epic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons of the late 1960s and 1970s were made.** Within the context of modern-day Napa Valley, the Chappellet Cabernets remain powerful, structured and built for cellaring. My sense is that there is a return to a more classic approach after a period of venturing towards a more overt style.”

2013 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“Tasted from barrel, the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill, boasts stunning depth and richness. Sage, rosemary, mint and spices wrap around a huge core of blue/purplish fruit as the 2013 races across the palate. This is another wine for the exceedingly patient. There is no shortage of personality here, though. The balance of fruit, minerality and acidity is magnificent.” **94-97 Points (94 Points: Outstanding. A wine of remarkable personality and breed that is well worth seeking out; 97 Points: Exceptional. A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines)**

-Antonio Galloni, December 2014

JamesSuckling.com

“The Top 100 Reds of Napa Valley 2016”

“What a year it’s been for America’s most famous wine region, as most wines I scored were from the glorious 2012 and 2013 vintages. I tasted about 1,000 wines from Napa this year over four different trips. The list continues with many classics as well as relative newcomers. I tried to pick wines that excited me not so much for their flamboyance but for their beauty, complexity and balance. Drinkability, of course, is paramount and I think great wines are great from the beginning, whether from barrel or from bottle and through the years in the cellar. Napa is on a roll with a trio of great vintages and fabulous wines—and we look forward to spending even more time with these great wines.”

2013 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“Amazing aromas of dark fruits but there's a soulful undertone of forest floor, sweet tobacco and leaves. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a delicious finish. Ultra-refined. So drinkable now. Harmonious and thoughtful. Elegant.” **97 Points: A must buy**

-James Suckling, November 2016

Vinous

“A deep, inky wine, the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill exudes richness and concentration. Blackberry jam, crème de cassis, graphite, mocha, smoke and spices meld together as this ample, structured Cabernet Sauvignon shows off its personality. The Pritchard Hill is made in a ripe, concentrated style that is quite typical of the vintage. At the same time, the impact of heavier extractions and more new oak also shapes the wine to a significant degree. I am not sure the Pritchard Hill is meaningfully more complex than the Signature, but it is quite striking just the same. As good as the 2013 is today -and it is terrific -my sense is that it would be even better with less oak influence. This is an especially somber, virile Cabernet Sauvignon from Chappellet. Drink 2023 –2043.” **96 Points: A profound and emotionally moving wine that exemplifies the very best attributes of its kind. These are the world’s great, iconic wines**

-Antonio Galloni, October 2015

Wine Enthusiast

“Blended with small amounts of Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, this shows classic mountain characteristics of strength and power, with a smooth sublime foundation of textured tannin at its core. Dark cherry, vanilla and chocolate provide a richness of broad flavor, accented in cedar, tobacco and an underlying acidity that leaves a tangy finish.” **94 Points: Superb; a great achievement**

-Virginie Boone, November 2017

Wine Spectator

“Bold, rich and expansive, big without being weighty or oversized, this offers well-defined plum, raspberry, currant and cranberry flavors, turning elegant and refined. Ends with a

graceful, polished texture. Drink now through 2030.”**93 Points: Outstanding; a wine of superior character and style**

-James Laube, July 2016

Forbes

“Ringed by mossy rocks in a forest glade, visiting Chappellet feels like stepping into a storybook. For adults. Who love wine. And the wines of Chappellet have a legendary story, too. This year, the winery celebrates its 50th anniversary and the achievement of being the only post-Prohibition Napa Valley winery to do so. How better to honor both this iconic brand and your fabulous father than by gifting a bottle of the Pritchard Hill. This limited-production wine is the most sought after in their portfolio. Inspired by Bordeaux yet stamped by lush Napa mountain fruit, this young wine expresses as deep and velvety, brimming with blackberry, cassis, cedar and a hint of violet. Dad can drink now, but really, really shouldn't. Patience will reward on this one.”

-Lauren Mowery, June 2017

Forbes

“Standout Wines”

“The **2013 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon** is majestic, its floral notes juxtaposed with brilliantly structured tannins that carry flavors of mineral, brambly berries, and hints of licorice. I'd hold onto this for at least five more years, and then drink it over the following decade...or two.”

-Brian Freedman, June 2017

Wine Review Online

“An Aristocrat of Napa Valley Cabernet”

2013 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon –94 Points“Napa Valley’s history of grape-growing dates to 1839, and its first commercial winemaking dates to 1861. The number of wineries grew to 140 by 1889, but the combined setbacks of the first phylloxera scourge and Prohibition brought Napa Valley’s burgeoning wine production to its knees in the early twentieth century. In 1966, Robert Mondavi Winery became the first new winery in Napa Valley since Prohibition. One year later, Chappellet Vineyard became the second. This year Chappellet Vineyard celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding. Donn and Molly Chappellet established their Napa Valley estate off the beaten track, high atop Pritchard Hill in the eastern part of the county, where thin volcanic soils, boulders, steep slopes and breathtaking views challenged them to produce wines that reflect their dramatic origin. Not only have Chappellet wines earned enormous acclaim but also the land they pioneered, Pritchard Hill, has become home to other acclaimed wineries such as Colgin, Tim Mondavi’s Continuum, Ovid, and Bryant Family Vineyards. Through it all, the winery has remained family owned and operated. Cabernet Sauvignon is the cornerstone of Chappellet’s estate production, complemented by four other red varieties of Bordeaux heritage –Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc –and also Chenin Blanc. (Having determined that Chardonnay is not suitable for the terroir of Pritchard Hill, the Chappellets source that grape through longstanding partnerships with growers in cooler parts of Napa Valley.) Of the 48 distinctive vineyard blocks within the estate vineyards, the majority are dedicated to Cabernet Sauvignon. The pinnacle of Chappellet’s product line is the limited-production Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, currently available in the 2013 vintage. **This is a glorious wine, among the finest Napa Valley Cabs I have tasted.** It is rich in aroma and flavor and rich in body, but it is also surprisingly nuanced. It is a wine that speaks of its grapes and its vineyard far more than its winemaking, which is a high compliment to longtime Chappellet winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus. Here’s a rather more literal description of what you can experience from the wine. The wine’s aroma is pronounced and so complex

that its expression can vary every time you nose the wine. The fundamental fruit aroma of blackberry is supplemented by accents of licorice, black pepper, sweet spices, cedar, and mint. The wine enters your mouth soft and rich; mouthwatering acidity and grainy tannins emerge on the mid-palate. The wine's concentrated ripe fruit surrounds the acid-tannin structure but it is not so dense that you can't taste through to the wine's energetic core. The texture is smooth and easy. The flavors express the nuances that the aroma promised: high-toned herbal notes, savory mineral tones, soft cocoa accents and classic lead-pencil flavors a la Bordeaux. Pronounced as these flavors are, in the context of this wine they somehow convey understatement. This wine is a blend of 83 percent Cabernet Sauvignon with 8 percent Malbec, 6 percent Cabernet Franc and 3percent Petit Verdot."

-Mary Ewing-Mulligan, June 2017

Vinography

"Their flagship Cabernet Bottling labeled for the place it's grown is a classic Napa Cabernet bound to please anyone who enjoys the form. Very dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of cherry and tobacco and espresso. In the mouth, beautifully refined cherry and chocolate and cola flavors are draped in a blanket of suede suppleness that stiffens with time as cherry and herbs linger through a long finish tinged with crushed nuts. Poised and refined." **Around 9 out of 10 Points**

-Alder Yarrow, August 2017

Robb Report

"9 Classic California Wines That Any Oenophile Will Love

Classic California wines can solve all your last-minute gifting needs."

"Choose an iconic California producer—a winery that garners critical acclaim year after year, even if it isn't the newest, shiniest thing—and there's a natural transfer of respect. A label that has consistently ranked among the best for, in many cases, decades, says the gift and the recipient are significant.

And there's never been a better time for such a strategy. Our recent tastings of many of California's longest-running iconic wines have turned up terrific winemaking. In many cases, these producers have found a beautiful balance in their reds, refraining from the trends toward über-ripe, high-alcohol heavy hitters and lean-and-green 'backlash' wines. These are bottles that offer generous fruit and impressive structure, so whether your giftee pops the cork in the next two weeks or tucks the bottle into the cellar, he or she will be well rewarded, and think of you fondly in the end."

2013 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

"This impressive wine from iconic Chappellet shows the mountain characteristics that Pritchard Hill gives up. Its firm structure is belied by lush black fruit, in turn layered with smoke box, leather, sage, vanilla, anise, and granite like minerality."

-Sara Schneider, December 2018

2012

Wine Advocate

"USA, California, Napa Valley: Chappellet –A Complete 50-Year Retrospective"

"The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec and 10% Petit Verdot. Deep garnet-purple colored, it simply sings of freshly crushed blueberries and blackcurrants with wonderfully expressive licorice, dark chocolate, tilled earth and wood smoke nuances plus touches of crushed rocks and black truffles. Medium-bodied, it has an exquisite frame of very fine grained tannins and seamless freshness supporting the wonderfully intense blue and black fruit flavors, finishing with an epic long, mineral-laced finish." **100 Points: An extraordinary wine of profound and complex**

character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume

-Lisa Perrotti-Brown, May 2018

Wine Advocate

“This is one of the blue bloods of Napa Valley with an impressive résumé. (One of the greatest Cabernet Sauvignons I have ever tasted from the valley was the 1969 Chappellet made by Philip Togni).”

2012 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“The dense purple-colored 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill Estate (one of Napa’s fashionable go-to terroirs) exhibits a striking bouquet of spring flowers, blueberries, raspberries and blackcurrants. This is a compelling wine with **profound depth and flavor**, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a velvety integration of tannin, acidity and wood. Pushing perfection in Cabernet Sauvignon, this multidimensional, skyscraper-like offering has all the intensity one expects, but it never comes across as heavy. This gives it an ethereal character that is nearly impossible to articulate, but genius is often hard to explain. It is clearly a major superstar of a great vintage.” **99+ Points; An extraordinary wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume**

-Robert Parker, October 2014

JamesSuckling.com

“Everyone Shines with 2012 Napa Reds”

“The 2012 vintage does appear to be a near-perfect vintage, and most producers, even more commercial wineries, made outstanding quality wines. The 2012s tend to show wonderful opulence and purity as well as harmony and balance. Moreover, they are wonderfully attractive to drink young, which is an added value for Napa reds when compared with some other key wine regions in the world.”

2012 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“Beautiful aromas of flowers, dark fruits and minerals. Complex and subtle. Full body and very fine tannins with walnuts, berries and citrus fruit undertones. A wine with verve and fruit intensity. Drink or hold.” **95 Points: A must buy**

-James Suckling, July 2015

Vinous

“The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Pritchard Hill is rich and explosive, with tons of concentration, depth and structure. Dark blue and black fruit, mocha, smoke, menthol, licorice and spices all burst from the glass as this huge, tannic Cabernet Sauvignon showoff its **pure class**. Readers will have to be patient with the 2012, a wine that will blow the roof off the house with its unbridled power.”

94+ Points; Outstanding. A wine of remarkable personality and breed that is well worth seeking out

-Antonio Galloni, December 2014

WineSpeed

“Recently, the critic Robert Parker hosted a tasting of ten cabernets and cabernet blends from Pritchard Hill. Not an official appellation, Pritchard Hill is nonetheless considered one of the top mountain districts within the Napa Valley. Here are my four top wines.”

2012 Chappellet Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

“Spice, saddle leather and sassafras. You can taste the mountains. Vivid and long.”

-Karen MacNeil, November 2016