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## FIVE-STAR CALIFORNIA CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

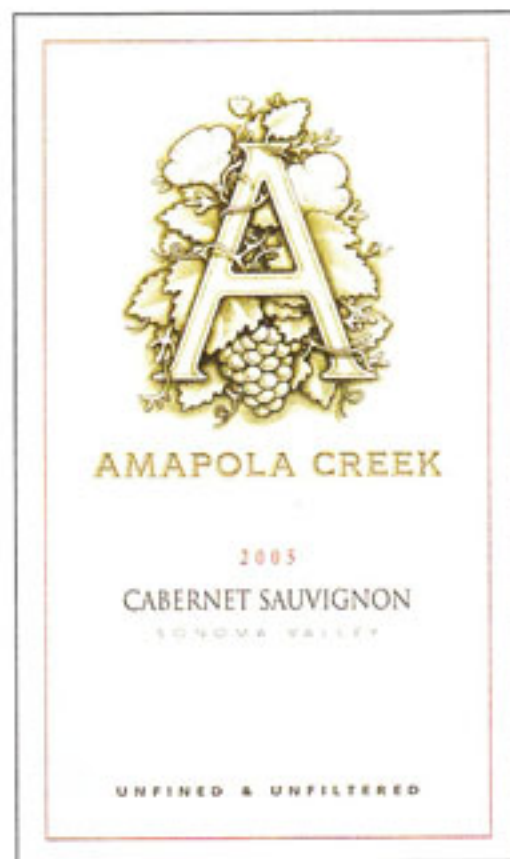
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*Winemaker Richard Arrowood,  
Amapola Creek*

- **2005 AMAPOLA CREEK CABERNET SAUVIGNON (SONOMA VALLEY), \$100.** The new venture from celebrated winemaker Richard Arrowood. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Big, deep, dense, muscular, utterly riveting, black fruit, licorice and nutty oak vanillin flavors geared for the long haul.



# Best of The Best

## California Cabernet Sauvignons

*California Cabernet shines in 2005 and 2006, as these 23 clearly demonstrate.*

QRW TASTING PANEL

**C**abernet Sauvignon is the king among California varietal wines. And the two most recently released vintages, 2005 and 2006, do nothing to dispel that notion. Both were cool, late-developing years, and the wines, as a

result, are balanced and well-structured, with the 2005 Cabs displaying more heft and the 2006s exhibiting a bit more elegance. The following 23 selections highlight the considerable virtues of each vintage.

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#### BEST OF SHOW

- 2006 CAYMUS CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
"SPECIAL SELECTION" (NAPA VALLEY), \$150

- 2005 AMAPOLA CREEK
- 2005 CORLEY RESERVE
- 2005 GRGICH HILLS
- 2005 HALL "KATHRYN HALL"
- 2005 ST. FRANCIS WILD OAK

#### BEST VALUE

- 2005 SIMI CABERNET SAUVIGNON "LANDSLIDE VINEYARD"  
(ALEXANDER VALLEY), \$35