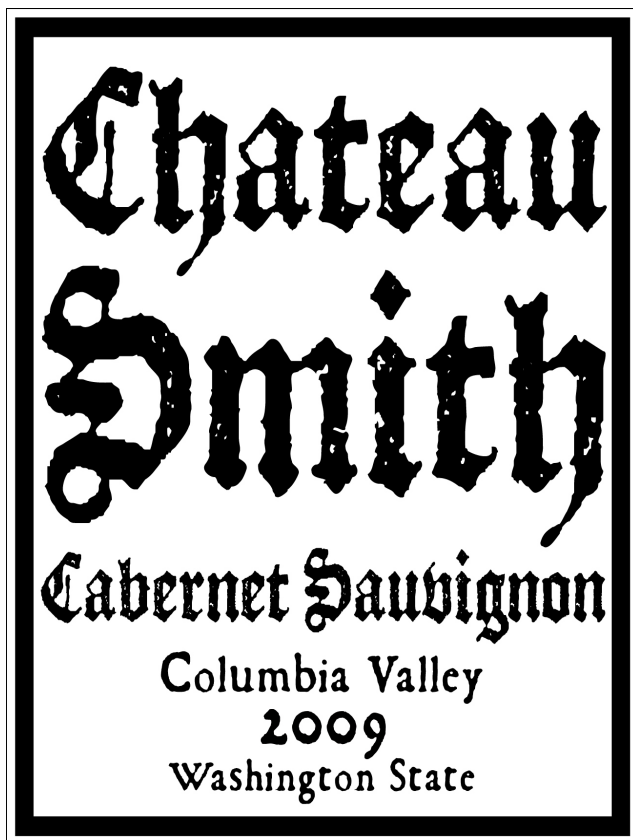


Washington Cabernet Values

Reviews of excellent Cabernet Sauvignons & blends for \$30 or less

Many Washington vintners consider Cabernet Sauvignon to be their go-to grape and Cabernet lovers can find plenty of enticing examples with balanced structures and fresh fruit flavors coming out of the state. While some of the blue-chip Cabernets can be a splurge it's possible to find wallet-friendly versions with similar quality such as the wines in this selection of recent releases. Better yet, many of the values here are also produced in large quantities, making them easier to find. Vintner Charles Smith, whose K Vintners winery makes some of the top Syrahs and blends in the state, turned out a supple Cabernet from his eponymous label.



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Supple and inviting, with complex flavors of dark berries and plum shaded with hints of bacon and star anise. The finish rolls along unimpeded by the polished tannins. Drink now through 2016.