

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Bonanza "The Vinekeeper" Cabernet Sauvignon

There are a lot of Caymus fans around this town, so we've been known to keep in Chuck Wagner's everyday Cabernet, Bonanza, but this week we come to you with a special release... Bonanza "The Vinekeeper" Cabernet Sauvignon. This multi-vintage Cellar Select Cab is the first of many in this new series from Chuck, which in true Bonanza spirit he created to highlight all the riches that California has to offer... in wine form, of course. Each release will be from a different viticultural region, with the debut, Lot 1, of course highlighting the best of the best, Napa Valley. It's just as big and rich and juicy as you imagine it is. "Full-bodied and fruit-driven, Lot 1 is plush and polished, showing ripe blackberry, juicy plum, and cocoa-dusted cherries with a kiss of toasty oak. It's a beautifully balanced Cab that delivers the signature richness of Napa at a down-to-earth price." Try a bottle of this limited release from the big man himself for \$34.99.

WINE PICK

Alexander Valley Vineyards 2021 Sin Zin

Have to get this one out of the way before Lent starts... Alexander Valley Vineyards 2021 Sin Zin from of course Alexander Valley in Sonoma County. Alexander Valley Vineyards, which is still family-owned, just celebrated their 50th anniversary last year, and they've been making this wine for almost the same amount of time. "Varietally distinct, this bottle captures the true essence of Alexander Valley." Fruit is sourced from lots all throughout Alexander Valley with various microclimates, providing winemaker Kevin Hall with a lot of unique fruit that he blends to create his final product. This bottle is 95% Zinfandel with a bit of Petite Sirah in there to add spice to the finish. "This aromatic wine has a solid core of red and black fruits with rich spicy flavors of blueberry, black cherry, topped with black pepper and chocolate. This is a rich, layered vintage with great balance and a long finish." Try a bottle that has truly stood the test of time for the whopping price of \$11.99.