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41 Cabernet Sauvignons Worth Splurging On

These are the best bottles of Cabernet Sauvignon for your next anniversary, promotion, or big night in.

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Great <u>Cabernet Sauvignon</u> can set you back by several mortgage payments if you're not careful. Yet there are still plenty of splurge-worthy Cabs from around the world that ring in at under \$150 per bottle...still a whole lot of money, but not in the realm of many Cab-based cult wines, or First Growth Bordeaux, which can easily stretch in to the four or five figures depending on the vintage and the provenance. The ones below, listed alphabetically, represent some of the top high-end Cabs around. They range from 2017 to 2020, and all are worth considering for special occasions as we head into the springtime holiday season of Mother's and Father's Day, graduations, and more. It's also worth noting that, though a majority of these are from California, there are terrific ones that can be found from around the world, from great <u>Bordeaux</u> to South America, <u>Australia</u>, and beyond.

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2019 Gentleman Farmer Cabernet Sauvignon

This is a delicious expression of the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, a plummy, blackberry liqueur and cassis-dripping Cab whose sweet <u>tannins</u> and oak spice flavors make it excellent already, and also appropriate for another decade and a half in the cellar, if you have the patience. As an added bonus, 5% of June sales will be donated to both the It Gets Better Project and Queer LifeSpace.