



SCION CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our Flagship Wine as Reviewed by Wine Enthusiast

2008 SCION

94 points, Wine Enthusiast, May 2012

Another terrific Scion. Blended this year from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, it's rich in blackberry and cherry fruit, with caramel from oak barrels. An authentic wine of place, it deserves a place on the best tables. –SH

2005 SCION

93 points, Wine Enthusiast, August 2010

A fine Cabernet that defines Alexander Valley's benchlands. It's entirely dry, a subtle wine whose herb-tinged blackberries, cherries and cedar turn increasingly complex in the glass. Shows a lightness and airy feeling that differentiates it from the heavier cult Napa style. –SH

2004 SCION

93 points, Wine Enthusiast, November 2008

Cellar Selection

Built for aging. It's stuffed with tannins that coat the mouth with grapeskin astringency, but that firm structure will support time in the cellar. Give it three or four years, when the black cherry, cassis, black and red currant, cocoa, herb and cedar flavors will emerge on their own. –SH

2002 SCION

95 points, Wine Enthusiast, September 2006

Editor's Choice

The Youngs produce a stunning Cabernet from their vineyard on the eastern benchlands of the valley. The polar opposite of Napa and defines the alternative possibilities. Soft, intricate and herbal-earthly, it has beautiful black cherry, cocoa, tobacco and new oak flavors, and it's thoroughly dry. –SH



2001 SCION

92 points, Wine Enthusiast, June 2006

Scion has become the quintessential Alexander Valley Cab. The opposite of a big Napa Cab, it has a soft, gentle texture, with good cherry and anise flavors, and a rich gout de terroir earthiness. Among the best drink-now Cabs of the vintage. –SH

1999 SCION

96 points, Wine Enthusiast, November 2003

Editor's Choice

So good, it makes you want to shout. Possesses the beautifully ripe flavors that are expected of a great vintage, such as blackcurrant, cherry, white chocolate and cassis, with extra edges of smoky caramel and vanilla. The tannins are perfect, soft and easy, but as rich and complex as a Renoir. –SH

1998 SCION

94 points, Wine Enthusiast, November 2002

Editor's Choice

The much-anticipated second vintage of this wine. Sweet cassis is offset with sage and tobacco in this early maturing wine of great distinction and charm. –SH

1997 SCION

97 points, Wine Enthusiast, June 2003

The first red from this famous vineyard-owning family. The wine is, in a word, classic. This great vintage provided super fruit, and the winemaking takes full advantage of it. It's so delicious you find yourself putting the glass down and thinking about it... –SH