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7 EXCITING CALIFORNIA ZINFANDELS AT 90+ POINTS

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Zinfandel lovers may bicker over which style is the best: bold and ripe or elegant and claret-like. But our latest tasting showcases a selection of new releases that offer something for every fan. With the sole Zin from the 2021 vintage, Hendry is one of two wineries atop the list.

With Zinfandel vines across California, wine fans may wonder where to start their

explorations with this red grape. As an introduction, look to producers that have strong track records with Zinfandel, like Hendry, Ridge, Green & Red and Cline, to name just a few.

Even better, Zinfandels from these wineries can often offer fantastic value, and it's usually possible to find bottlings under \$50 or even under \$35. California Zinfandels are also united by their ability to complement a number of dishes. If you do decide to pour your Zinfandel with a meal, try it alongside steak, barbecued brisket, rich duck breast or short ribs.

HENDRY 2021 BLOCK 28 ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

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"Handsomely structured and full-bodied yet refined in approach, offering blackberry and cherry flavors laced with mocha espresso and cinnamon notes that build richness toward polished tannins. Drink now through 2033."—Tim Fish

Wine Spectator