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Cabernet : King of the reds

"One need only look at wine prices and wine acreages to see that cabernet is still king and is likely to wear that exalted crown for some time to come."

2003 Anselmo Vigne, Napa Valley

Lifelong Alamedan Steve Simi has started a limited production winery and both this wine and its predecessor are absolutely brilliant efforts. The wines are hard to find but worth searching out because they deliver lots of very pure curranty fruit as their primary theme...very rich fruit comfortably carries past... youthful tannins. Count on five to 10 years of real improvement here.