



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLACK GRAPE  
THICK SKIN  
HIGH FLAVOR/COLOR/TANNIN

## CLIMATE

COOL



MODERATE

may struggle to ripen



WARM

## FLAVOR PRONOUNCED

cooked in warm climate



MINT



GREEN BELL PEPPER



BLACK CURRANT



BLACK CHERRY

## ON THE PALATE

DRY

OFF-DRY

MEDIUM

SWEET



SWEETNESS

ACIDITY

TANNIN

BODY

LOW / LIGHT

MEDIUM

HIGH / FULL

## MATURATION

Oak maturation in barrel to soften tannins.

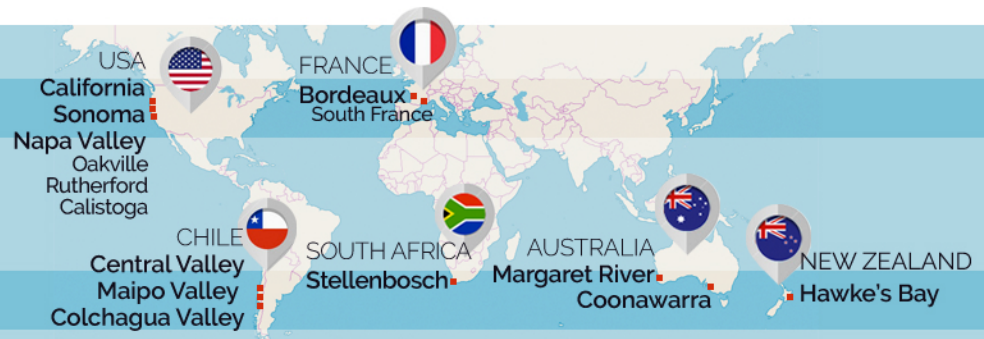


## BLENDED

Single-varietal or blended with Merlot or local varieties to lower tannin/acidity, add red-fruit flav, drink earlier

France: BORDEAUX  
Regionally Important Labelling Terms:

Château  
Cru Classé  
Grand Cru Classé  
Cru Bourgeois



### BORDEAUX

- Mostly on LEFT BANK because of soils with gravel (rain draining / absorb heat to release it at night) Best wines have very long aging potential | blending important when Cabernet struggles to ripen
- South France: warm climate | single varietal or blended (Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Syrah)



### CALIFORNIA

very good  
outstanding  
Cabernet

- Napa Valley: warm climate | Oakville, Ruthford: full body, pronounced black fruit flavors, high tannins
- Calistoga sub-region produces some of the ripest, most full-bodied wines in region
- California: blended from grapes grown across state (specially Central Valley)



### CHILE

- Most widely planted variety | very good/outstanding wines blends with local Carménère wines from foothills of mountains: mint, green bell pepper, black fruits, oak flavors



### SOUTH AFRICA

- Stellenbosch: moderate to warm climate | from fresh, herbal to full-bodied, cooked fruit, high alcohol wines Cape Blend Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot blended with local PINOTAGE.



### AUSTRALIA

- Margaret River: high quality blends with Merlot  
Coonawarra cloud, cool breezes | mint, pronounced blackcurrant, smoke, cedar (very good/outstanding)



### NEW ZEALAND

- Hawke's Bay: moderate climate, rainfall | blends with Merlot