

Hollywood & Vine Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Featured in "5 Wines That Will Blow Your Mind"

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Recommending wines that people can't find in stores is pointless, according to Andrew Adams, owner and wine buyer at The Corkscrew Wine Bar (1919 Washington Avenue). Here's his thoughts on wine criticism and his choice of five wines that will blow your mind.

Andrew Adams (pictured left) likes wines that are obtainable - very obtainable.

AA: I've been thinking about what to write for this column. And I decided that I want to talk about wines that are not only outstanding, but also obtainable. When you read a movie or restaurant review, you can go check it out for yourself and see if the critic has rocks for brains. What good is a wine critic who yaps about a wine with extremely limited production or a back vintage that no one else can find? Sooo, with that in mind, here's my picks:

Under \$120

Hollywood & Vine Cellars
2004 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley, California

Okay, now we're getting close to the "my taste exceeding my means" area, but this is one of those wines that just has to be written about. One of the leading ladies in the world of California wine, Celia Masyczek, winemaker at the Hollywood & Vine Cellars, has produced a little bit of magic in a bottle. You kind of expect a really hot genie to pop out when you open it. Celia takes the fruit from four of the best growing regions in Napa and meticulously blends them together to create a wine with a wonderful fruitiness. There's bright black cherry and blackberry with a little bit of plum all making appearances as you let it glide past your tongue. It takes a while to open up, so it's a good idea to pull the cork, set it on the dining room table and go finish cooking.