



Silver Medal Winner

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Sauvignon*





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88 POINTS, BEST BUY!

“Bright and spicy with scents of black olives and beefy tomatoes, this is burly and round. A black-fruited wine to serve with steak Florentine.”

– *Wine & Spirits Magazine*, December 2012 issue



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This historic winery traces its roots to 1936, when stockbroker Martin Ray bought the old Paul Masson Winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It has seen lots of changes since then. Most recently, Courtney Benham, a third-generation Californian whose father owned a winery in the Sacramento Delta, purchased the winery in 1990.

Martin Ray has been on a roll lately with a series of great Cabernets from mountain appellations, and this 2009 Napa Valley Reserve is almost as rich as those more expensive bottlings. Made from 100% Cab, it's mostly Yountville grapes, with fruit from Howell Mountain and Diamond Mountain for additional intensity.

Winemaker Bill Batchelor says it's important for Martin Ray to produce such a value Cabernet. "It helps with brand recognition," he says. "People taste it, and it can be a lead-in for our mountain reserve wines," which retail for 2–3 times the price. 500 cases produced.

–Steve Heimoff, *Wine Enthusiast*, "Napa Cabs 30 Under \$30", May 3, 2012