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Vintage	Name	Notes	Window	Price	Date
2024	Cabernet Sauvignon Moulds Family Vineyard	The 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon Moulds Family Vineyard is a gorgeous, beautifully elegant wine. Graphite, lavender, dried herbs and crème de cassis are finely delineated. This mid-weight, nervy Cabernet Sauvignon has a ton of character. As always, this is a pretty restrained style. I am looking forward to tasting it again next year.	2028 - 2039	\$165	Nov 2025
SCORE 92 -94+					
2024	Cabernet Franc Oakville Ranch Vineyard	The 2024 Cabernet Franc Oakville Ranch Vineyard is fabulous. What a wine! Inky and expansive on the palate, with striking mid-palate richness, the 2024 is so expressive. It possesses serious resonance from start to finish. Floral, mocha and spice overtones soar into the heady, explosive finish. This is so promising.	2028 - 2039	\$165	Nov 2025
SCORE 95 - 97					
2024	Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard	The 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard is another exceptional, vivid wine from Tom Garrett and Dakota Shy. Graphite, leather, incense, dried herbs and lavender meld into a core of inkyblue/purplish fruit. The 2024 is wonderfully alive and vibrant in the glass. It's a wine of unreal dimension.	2028 - 2039	\$185	Nov 2025
SCORE 95-97					
2024	Cabernet Sauvignon Steltzner Vineyard	The 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon Steltzner Vineyard is a very pretty wine. It offers lovely inky blue/purplish fruit, lavender and spice notes. I find this a bit light texturally, something I have seen in other 2024s from this site. Let's see where this goes.	2028 - 2039	\$185	Nov 2025
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2024	Cabernet Sauvignon Switchback Ridge	The 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon Switchback Ridge is elegant, precise and lifted. Dried flowers, herbs, mint, lavender and espresso all open with some coaxing. Bright acids and fine beams of tannin shape this young, embryonic Cabernet Sauvignon. This is quite promising—a wine that is more refinement than power.	2028 - 2039	\$165	Nov 2025
SCORE 93 - 95					
2024	Cabernet Sauvignon Social Currency	The 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon Social Currency is vibrant and explosive right out of the gate. White pepper, slate, blood orange, iron and red-toned fruit are all vivid in the glass. This sample is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Paras on Mt. Veeder. Historically, SocialCurrency has been a blend of two sites, which may ultimately happen here as well. Readers should take this note as a general comment on the quality of the vintage at Dakota Shy more than anything else, as the finished blend could be different.	2028 - 2039	NA	Nov 2025
SCORE 94 - 96					