

**2002 Carter Cellars Cabernet
Sauvignon Coliseum Block**

The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Coliseum Block comes from a small, steep vineyard in Soda Canyon in the east side of Napa Valley. This blockbuster exhibits an opaque purple color along with notes of graphite, charcoal, creme de cassis, blueberries, charcoal and oak. It reveals unreal intensity, full-bodied power, stunning purity and sweet tannin. Still an infant in terms of its development, it should drink well for 15-20 more years. If you like the bigger, more opulent style of Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, you will love this 2002.

Carter Cellars' two 2002 Cabernets blew me away. I have enjoyed these wines in past vintages, but I never tasted the 2002s when they were released.

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- Robert Parker (June, 2012)