

# Recent Praise for Quintessa 2000



## "THE YEAR'S BEST CABERNETS"

"As the Quintessa vines reach the end of their first decade, the wine is growing more expressive while holding its elegant form. This 2000 makes a lasting impression, for its zesty dark fruit rather than its size."

93 POINTS

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## VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

2000 Quintessa - "Medium-dark ruby, attractive, plummy, ripe cherry and red currant aromas with overtones of vanilla, medium-full to full body; forward, rich, supple, cedary, ripe black cherry fruit flavors with overtones of creamy oak and a velvety mouthfeel; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste."

90 POINTS

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## WINE OF THE WEEK

### Quality Quintessa

"This is immensely elegant wine, luxurious, velvety smooth and with just a touch of sweetness. It's a wine unashamedly decadent in its power to please."

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## "AN EXTRAORDINARY RED"

No one who visits Napa, says JAMIE PURVIANCE, should leave without taking home a bottle or bite of the valley's finest wine or food. "Quintessa is the best choice for the wine," he says. "It is an extraordinary red but not impossible to find."

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## BEST OF THE YEAR ISSUE

"This estate has pulled out all the stops and produced a delicious wine of substance, finesse and great charm. For all the size, it's a feminine wine, and best enjoyed in its youth." Cellar Selection.

92 POINTS 'BEST OF YEAR'

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## "2000 QUINTESSA IS ANOTHER BEAUTY"

"The 2000 Quintessa is another beauty, offering focused cabernet nose - Bordeaux kicked up several notches - and concentrated flavor in a long, sleek trajectory through the palate to an elegant finish."

LOS ANGELES TIMES - DECEMBER 2003

## WINES TO LAY DOWN

"The 2000 has a full, opulent colour, blackcurrant spice from the Merlot currently dominating the top-class oak, a touch of violets and a firm, almost restrained, but very long flavour. A wine of great class and individuality to be drunk from 2006."

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## WINNING BOTTLES

"We calculate what makes them great: Blackberry compote + coffee + cedar = Quintessa Cabernet Blend"

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