




87  **EDUCATED GUESS Chardonnay Napa Valley 2012**



GOOD VALUE \$17.00

Affably fruity and reasonably well focused with a mix of green apples, citrus and a light bit of toast coming through in both scent and taste, this supple, medium-full-bodied offering is a fairly direct Chardonnay of modest reach and range that may not compete with the high-ticket crowd in terms of richness and depth, but it does a very nice job at the price.

Reviewed: **July 2014**


87  **EDUCATED GUESS Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2012**



GOOD VALUE \$20.00

We like this wine's varietal focus and suggestions of both richness and depth, and we like its initial impressions of suppleness and polish, but we would like it much more if its slightly-too-grippy tannins were better reined in and more in line with what starts out as friendly and accessible presentation. Even though it is seemingly priced with an eye to early drinking, this one is not really ready to go, and it would be better to wait on it for several years.

Reviewed: **August 2014**

87  **EDUCATED GUESS Merlot Napa Valley 2012**



GOOD VALUE \$20.00

Nicely centered in the black cherry fruit of Merlot in the nose and very much following suit on the palate, this nicely made wine exhibits good weight and balance with well-managed tannins affording just the right bit of finishing grip. It is enriched with a quiet complement of creamy oak while keeping fruit fixed in its sights and hints here and there of sweet spice, and, if already showing a touch of early suppleness, it has the substance and structure to repay four or five years of keeping.

Reviewed: **November 2014**