



TRUCHARD

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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Vinography Unboxed: Week of June 14, 2015

Hello, and welcome to my periodic dig through the samples pile. I'm pleased to bring you the latest installment of Vinography Unboxed, where I highlight some of the better bottles that have crossed my doorstep recently.

This week's tasting included a couple of tasty rosés made from Pinot Noir, one from the Sonoma Coast, the other from Oregon's Willamette Valley. Both are worth seeking out.

There's also a Chardonnay from a very cute little outfit in Oregon called Big Table Farm, who have been making individualistic, small production wines with minimalist techniques for a few years.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the 2012 edition of Truchard's Cabernet which always feels like it is from a cooler site (it is) but especially so in a year like 2012, where so many wines are thick and flabby. This wine has a wonderful lean muscular quality that is very compelling.

All this and more below. Enjoy!

2012 Truchard Cabernet Sauvignon, Carneros, Napa, California

Dark garnet in color, this wine smells of crushed mint, tobacco, and dark cherry fruit. In the mouth, cherry and tobacco flavors have a hint of greenness to them -- touches of both mint and green bell pepper -- and a dusting of faint tannins. A juicy core of fruit makes sure this wine remains pleasing through the finish, with hints of green herbs. 14.2% alcohol. Score: around 9. Cost: \$38. [click to buy](#).



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