

SPECIAL ADVANCE RELEASE



FEBRUARY BUYING GUIDE



96 Rodney Strong 2006 Rockaway Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley); \$75. Impresses for the sheer power of ripeness, but also and especially for the structure. The flavors of blackberries, cherries, currants, cocoa, herbs and sweetly smoked oak are beautiful and complex, yet the tannin-acid balance is near perfect. This single-vineyard wine is one of the finest Sonoma County Cabernets of the vintage. Should age effortlessly through 2014, growing purer and more elegant. - Editors Choice - S.H.