

# DERENONCOURT

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## CALIFORNIA

### 2008 VINTAGE CRITICAL REFERENCES

From Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #198, December 2011:



2008 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT,  
STAGECOACH VINEYARD – 94 points

The 2008 Merlot Stagecoach Vineyard is another fabulous wine endowed with tons of depth and class. Rich layers of dark blackberries, grilled herbs and chocolate flow from this effortless wine. This is a big style, but everything just works. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.



2008 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC,  
COOMBSVILLE – 93 points

The 2008 Cabernet Franc Coombsville emerges from the glass with expressive dark fruit, mocha, espresso, licorice and spices. There is gorgeous depth in the glass, not to mention considerable complexity. This is a full-throttle, totally exciting wine. It will be interesting to see how much varietal character develops with time in the bottle. Today, this is a fairly fruit-driven wine. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.



2008 NAPA VALLEY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON – 92 points

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon is the most reticent of these wines from Derenoncourt. It shows good depth and persistence, but comes across as rather medium-bodied in style, with neither the richness nor sheer personality of the other wines in this lineup. Hints of new leather tobacco and licorice linger on the understated finish. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.