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New releases we've tasted

Cabernet Sauvignon

Best Buy! **Excellent** .

Powers Winery 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley, \$14.

Greg Powers and José Mendoza gather fruit from Champoux (42%),

Sheridan (25%) and Mirage vineyards for this racy

Cab that's kick-started with scents of sticking your

nose in a bag of Craisins, followed by fresh Red Vines

and green peppercorns. Bing cherry and cranberry

flavors bring in midpalate acidity of purple

blackberries. The firm finish is akin to candied fruit and

a cup of orange pekoe tea. Powers has a legacy of

long-lived Cabs, so here's a great opportunity to cellar

a case and chart how these fare over time.

(1,700 cases, 13.5% alc.)