

Lewelling

VINEYARDS

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The Lewelling vineyard is situated on Lewelling Lane, which is south of St. Helena. It is an alluvial gravel bed at the base of the Mayacamas Mountains. Proprietor and winemaker Dave Wight consistently produces some of the great values of Napa Valley. Over-delivering and producing **world-class, unfined and unfiltered Cabernet Sauvignon** from his vineyard in northern Napa appears to be his goal, and he meets it beautifully. I would love to taste the **spectacular 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon** in a blind tasting with recent vintages of the famed Pauillac, Pontet-Canet. After spending 16 months in 100% new French oak, it offers an opaque purple color along with classic notes of creme de cassis intermixed with subtle burning ember, charcoal and oak aromas. The glorious perfume is accompanied by a full-bodied, **stunningly concentrated, multilayered wine** with spectacular length as well as a silky personality. It can be drunk now or cellared for two decades or more. It's a tour de force! The slightly more expensive, opaque purple-hued **2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Wight Vineyard** (aged 18 months in 100% new French oak) is essentially a barrel selection. Obviously, the more structured wines with more density and aging potential were chosen for this cuvee. Very backward compared to the Napa bottling, the Wight Vineyard exhibits more graphite and toast along with creme de cassis, smoke and floral characteristics. **Deep, rich and reserved** with plenty of tannin, it needs time in the bottle, so cellar it for 4-5 years and drink it over the following three decades. If you haven't discovered the wines of Lewelling, it's about time.

2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Wight Vineyard
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95+ pts
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