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2002 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 70% Off!

The hunt for the illusive Napa Valley Cabernet that is both stellar and affordable has left many a wine lover frustrated, with many losing their belief that such a scenario even exists - until today. **Cameron Hughes, Negotiant extraordinaire**, has done it again, this time with his limited release Lot 28 which arrived at the Danville Costco today. **Treasure Hunters, start your engines, this wine will not be around after the weekend.** I actually feel bad that there is such a limited quantity of this Lot, and that it isn't even available at other Bay Area Costco's or Cam's site. If you don't live in the Bay Area, you have my sympathy. But for the fortunate few, your Hommage a Cameron has paid off; you are now being rewarded.



Tasting notes:

2002 Cameron Hughes Lot 28 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon,

Notes: This Inky Purple wine is loaded with Dark Fruit, Cassis, and Vanilla, aromas with a hint of violet apparent after a little aeration. **On the palate this wine has good tannic structure and reveals glycerin, blueberry, licorice and leather notes with a full bodied finish.** The terror suggests hillside fruit, as this wine is more full than Cabernet from the valley floor. **An incredible value.**

Score: 94 pts

2004 Cameron Hughes Lot 21 California Zinfandel

Notes: A Ruby/Garnet color is just the start of this pleasant wine. With notes of Cherry liquor, sweet currants, and ample glycerin, this wine isn't overly tart and has nice black fruit characteristics.

Score: 88 pts (tasted twice with consistent notes)

2002 Cameron Hughes Lot 23 Meritage 63% Sonoma 37% Napa

Notes: This "mystery blend" which tasted to me like a Cabernet Sauvignon/Franc, Merlot blend, has a nice ruby purple color but possesses a somewhat cloying perfume. **Hints of oak, raspberries and forest floor caress your tongue.** A somewhat short finish, this wine is a simple yet tasty effort.

Score: 86 pts (tasted twice with consistent notes)

2005 Cameron Hughes Lot 24 Syrah Sonoma County

Notes: This Ruby/Purple colored wine offers loads of Coffee on the nose, with a medium bodied mouth feel with hints of earth, pepper, and currant, with the dominate quality of coffee carrying over on the palate. This wine finishes mildly and is a bit one dimensional.

Score: 82 pts

