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03 A. Rafanelli Cabernet Sauvignon

Scoring Methodology (Uses the NVC 25-Point Wine Evalutation Scale): {25/Perfect} ~ {24-23/Excellent} ~ {22-21/Very High Quality} ~ {20-19/Very Good} ~ {18-16/Good} ~ {15-9/Ordinary} ~ {8-6 Below Average} ~

Wine Blogosphere 5 Star Rating System w/ the 25 point NVC System: {Five Stars/25 - 23 pts.} ~ {Four Stars/22 - 19 pts} ~ {3 Stars/18 - 16 pts} ~ {2 Stars/15 - 9 pts} ~ {Under 9 Pts/1 Star}

Appearance (3 Pts. Total)

CLARITY *Cloudy - Clear - Brilliant*	Brilliant
COLOR *Hue*	Deep purple; blackberry juice rimmed brick red
COLOR *Depth*	Dark; a tooth-stainer
Total	3

Aroma/Bouquet (7 Pts. Total)

NOSE	Crushed blackberry, pepper, cedar and eucalyptus
AROMA INTENSITY	High; jumps out of the glass as classic cabernet
OFF NOTES	N/A
Total	7

Taste/Texture (15 Pts. Total)

FIRST IMPRESSION	Major fruit--blackberry and black cherries; dense and powerful and but very refined
MID-PALATE	Dusty earth, black olive, violets and a hint of spiciness
FINISH	Lingering and enjoyable finish with tobacco & some soy on the edges
TASTE INTENSITY	High
Total	**13**
Final Score	23

General Notes

While you can only get this wine at the winery, a better bargain at around $30 would be hard to find. Excellent fruit, moderate to fine tannins, enough acid for balance and incredible finesse from start to lingering finish. People pay well over $100 - $150 a bottle for Cab. of this quality. This is sublime wine and earns our highest rating 23/25 on the NVC scale and five stars in the wine blogosphere rating system. It would be worth a air flight and trip to Dry Creek Valley just to just some of this; ROI is assured

Wine Blogosphere Five Star Rating ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐

Wine Style (Food or Social)	Food
Food Pairing	NY Strip
Drinkable for how long?	2008 - 2015 +
Price	$30
Value Assessment *Price Performer ~ Fair ~ Overpriced*	Price Performer
Who Would This Wine Interest? (WWTWI) *Terroirista ~ Enthusiast ~ ~ Lifestyler ~ Adventurer/Fashionista ~ ~ Social Sipper ~ Aisle Daze ~*	Terroirista

Taster: _____

Date: _____02-16-08_____

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