Elegant Sip

For cab lovers, worth the splurge

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HEART OF DARKNESS Dark ruby red, Coeur de Vigne Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 also has 14% merlot and 6% petit verdot. PHOTO: Sullivan Rutherford Estate

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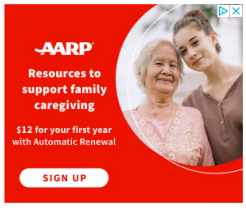
Coeur de Vigne cabernet sauvignon is produced by the Sullivan Rutherford Estate in Napa Valley. An intriguing dark-ruby red, this mouthwatering wine is an exceptional blend of 80% cabernet sauvignon, 14% merlot and 6% petit verdot. Awarded 94 points by Wine Enthusiast, this is indeed a worth-the-splurge cab (about $80).

Its luscious aromas and flavors of dark chocolate, blue and black fruit, spiced cocoa, and notes of graphite and violets, delight the tongue and olfactory senses—ending with an elegant mouthfeel. Cab lovers can immerse their senses and be thrilled with every sip.

The Sullivan Rutherford Estate consists of 26 acres of vineyards and lush gardens—an "oasis for artists, chefs, friends and wine lovers." It is open to visitors with an advance appointment. A reservation is also required for a wine tasting.



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