

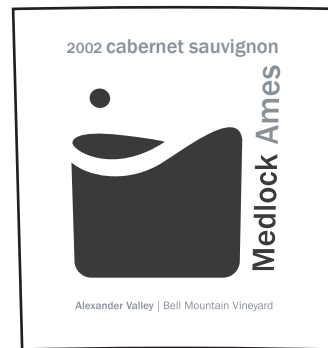
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# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## BUYING GUIDE

**92** Medlock Ames 2002 Bell Mountain Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon (Alexander Valley); \$42. Here's a young Cabernet that's rich in complex, sweet tannins. The fruit shows all the hallmarks of the vintage, wonderfully ripe in blackberry, cherry, blueberry and chocolate flavors with an extravagant coating of toasty new oak. It's awfully good now, and should be opened by 2010 or so because of the softness.



**91** Medlock Ames 2002 Bell Mountain Ranch Red (Alexander Valley); \$25. Not only is this a deliciously drinkable wine, it has lots of complexity and should even improve for a couple of years. It's a big, soft, dry Merlot-based Bordeaux blend, juicy in cherry pie and succulent blueberry flavors and a rich, honeyed, toasty oak finish. Best now-2010.



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