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Tim Fish's Recommended California Merlots
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Top Wines

Highest Scores

TENACIOUS

Celani Family Vineyards Napa Valley 2006	93 Points
Beringer Merlot Howell Mountain 2005	93 Points
Coho Merlot Napa Valley 2006	93 Points
Hourglass Merlot Napa Valley 2006	93 Points
Lewis Merlot Napa Valley 2006	93 Points
Paloma Merlot Napa Valley 2006	93 Points
Pride Merlot Sonoma County 2006	93 Points
Carter Merlot Napa Valley 2006	92 Points
Realm Tempest Napa Valley 2006	92 Points
Switchback Ridge Merlot Napa Valley 2006	92 Points
Amuse Bouche Napa Valley 2007	91 Points



Winemaker Mark Herold added some Cabernet Franc to craft Celani Family's supple Merlot blend Tenacious 2006.

Tenacious

Celani Family Vineyards

Celani Family has only been producing wine for a few years, but winemaker Mark Herold hit gold with its **Tenacious Napa Valley 2006 (93, \$60)**. Herold blended Merlot with 15 percent Cabernet Franc to craft a red that's luxuriously rich and supple, with bold aromas of black cherry, mocha and toasty oak.

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