

Don't dismiss Cabs from the foothills

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My turnaround on Cabernet Sauvignon from the Sierra foothills began one day last fall as I stood at the tasting counter of Hart 2 Hart Vineyards at Pilot Hill in El Dorado County.

Dominic Mantei was pouring tastes of wines he makes on the premises, some bottled under the brand Hart 2 Hart, others released with the label Everhart Cellars.

I was impressed by how fine, fresh and frisky the lineup was, but when he got to the Everhart Cellars 2013 Pilot Ridge Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (\$45) I realized by the wine's authority and balance that I needed to revisit Cabernets from the foothills, which never have been closely identified with the varietal.

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