


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Rising Stars to Keep an Eye On

In this report, three producers that should be on your radar are WeatherEye, Trothe and Rocky Pond. WeatherEye, planted on the north and south slopes of Red Mountain, aims to create world-class wines. This year, their Rhone varieties shined with purity and finesse, while their Cabernet Sauvignon is slowly gaining momentum and should be a juggernaut once it's of age. Trothe in the Horse Heaven Hills is perhaps the most technologically advanced winery in the state and is a monumental leap forward in terms of quality and production. The Andrews family has 1,300 acres in the Horse Heaven Hills and has been farmed by the family for generations. Tasting their first releases, Trothe makes no compromises when crafting world-class wine and is standing at the plate, pointing at the centerfield fence, ready to swing away. Lastly, as reported in last year's Washington report, Rocky Pond Winery in the Rocky Reach AVA marches on with spectacular new releases and is set to create a world-class experience at their estate.


2022 Trothe Sauvignon Blanc

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
96	\$87	2023 - 2035
Reviewed by	The 2022 Sauvignon Blanc is picturesque with stunningly gorgeous crystalline citrus tones on the nose along with focused and finessed aromas of underripe peach. The wine continues to uncoil and unwind, pouncing on the palate with precision. It has a light to medium-bodied core, energetic acidity and a succulent, food-friendly finish. This wine underwent extended lees aging to complete the delicate, creamy texture with long-lingering mineral essence. Only 432 bottles were produced.	
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2021 Trothe Cabernet Sauvignon (Barrel Sample)

Rating (97 - 99)	Release Price NA	Drink Date NA
Reviewed by  Anthony Mueller	Tasted as a barrel sample, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon already offers power, focus and purity with an oak-driven freshness, divine spiciness and a rocky graphite essence in the glass. Medium to full-bodied, the wine features flavors of juicy dark cherry, black plum and spiced blackberries along with succulent tannins over the mid-palate. The wine reveals layers of complexity that somersault through the long-lingering finish. It's already showing fantastically and is proof that the team at Trothe has pointed at the centerfield fence and is eager and ready to swing away! Keep these guys on your radar!	
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2020 Trothe Cabernet Sauvignon

Rating 95+	Release Price \$239	Drink Date 2027 - 2044
Reviewed by  Anthony Mueller	Fresh, refined and focused, the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is still shy in the glass with dark red fruit tones that waft with oak essences and sage before showing a tight tannic edge on the palate. Medium to full-bodied, the Cabernet has good bones but will need additional time to fill its shoes. Your patience will be rewarded. The wine rested for 23 months in 75% new French oak before being bottled. Give it time. 3,000 bottles produced.	
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2020 Trothe Syrah

Rating 94	Release Price \$188	Drink Date 2023 - 2038
Reviewed by  Anthony Mueller	The 2020 Syrah was co-fermented with 7% Viognier. Dark fruit aromas burst out of the glass with spicy black and pink peppercorns, juicy plum, spiced cherries, soft meaty tones and subtly sweet herbs that show precision, finesse and power. Medium to full-bodied, the wine unfolds on the palate, offering spicy, fresh dark red fruits with succulent tannins that unwind and glide to a long, lingering and ever-evolving finish. This is a fantastic wine that never saw oak, as it was fermented in concrete and aged without wood. 1,140 bottles produced.	
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2019 Trothe Cabernet Sauvignon

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
98	\$234	2025 - 2045
Reviewed by  Anthony Mueller	Focused, precise and finessed, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon opens to an expressive nose with elegant oak tones and notes of sweet pepper blossoms that waft with dark red and black fruit tones. Medium to full-bodied, the wine unfolds on the palate with fine-grained tannins, a rich and round mouthfeel and juicy core of focused, precise fruit favors wrapped in a core of elegance and finesse, delivering profound pleasure. This is the type of wine that makes you join the wine club, as this is only available through Trothe's wine club membership. Bravo!	
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2019 Trothe Limited (Malbec)

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
96	\$162	2023 - 2038
Reviewed by  Anthony Mueller	Each year, the Limited label will be made from the best-tasting grapes of the vintage. The 2019 Limited is 100% Malbec and begins with a big, bold, juicy core of spicy fruit and oak essence generously layered with a prominent, balanced, hedonistic expression. Full-bodied, fresh and juicy with succulent tannins, the delicate and focused wine offers bright acidity and will remain food-friendly for years. It's a powerhouse that will continue to please for a decade and a half. Only 480 bottles were made of this spectacular wine!	
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