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Five Cult Wines You Haven't Heard Of

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Growing up, *cult* referred to a "group that weird kids or young adults got involved with and then their parents had to hire people to do an intervention."

As someone who lives for the next food and wine experience, when I hear the word *cult* now, I tend to lean in, eager to hear whatever is the latest and most coveted wine release coming out of Napa or elsewhere. Did they drink it, how did they acquire it, will they hang on long enough to resell it at an outrageous price?

Hard core cult wine followers wait months, and sometimes years, on waiting lists until they finally move up into a position where some of the coveted wine may be offered to them by the winery. And, if they don't act to purchase immediately (sometimes for thousands of dollars) they will be dropped from the list like a hot potato.

So is it all hype? Or are these wines the Rosetta stones of winemaking? Will a taste of one of these cult specimens suddenly reveal to you all the nuance and insight that you'll ever need to be considered a connoisseur of wine? Will you finally be a "member of the club" if you can brag about having these gems in your cellar even though you might never drink a single bottle?

Yes, Yes and Yes.

Like most things precious – whether it's couture or collectable cars – the fact is that there's only so much to go around. And at releases of just a couple of hundred cases (there are 12 bottles to a case) – the wines from these cult producers can be gone even before you ever hear about them.

So what's a devoted lover of wine to do? Try to buy the next "bound to be" cult