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Cameron Hughes News

Fans of **Cameron Hughes** wines know that many of them offer extremely good value. Hughes buys small lots of high-end wine that the wineries aren't using, blends them, bottles them and labels each with a lot number. The wines are sold through the company's Web site, **www.chwine.com**, and at Costco. Three new Napa Valley cabernets are either at Costco stores already or will show up in the next few weeks. All are \$14 through the Web site (and available now) but will sell for about \$12 at Costco.

The **2005 Lot 34 Cabernet Sauvignon** is from Rutherford. It was my favorite of the three, offering dark cherry and black currant flavors, accented by notes of olive and sage.

The **2005 Lot 35**, from Yountville, is a medium-weight wine with black cherry fruit and some savory nuances. The **2005 Lot 36** returns to Rutherford; it displays plump black cherry, a slight herbal note and good balance. All are great values.

The Cameron Hughes wines tend to sell out quickly at Costco, but they're available longer on the Web site. To sign up for e-mail notifications about Costco availability, go to **www.chwine.com**.