



Accendo
Estate

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
LAUREA
2023

"The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Laurea is superb. Deep and explosive in the glass, the 2023 is a huge overachiever, especially for its price point in the world of high-end Napa Valley wines. Dark plum, gravel, chocolate and espresso all race across the palate. The sumptuous, generous Cabernet Sauvignon is lights-out. Dried herbs, incense and leather linger."

- Antonio Galloni, Vinous

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Laurea overdelivers, drawing from some of the same exceptional vineyard sources as the flagship cuvée and sharing a clear stylistic throughline. Designed to be more charming and approachable in its youth, the wine reflects the same meticulous attention to quality in both the vineyard and the cellar, with each parcel optimized for its individual expression. Certain components in the 2023 vintage reveal an immediate sense of charm, freshness, and vitality—qualities that are intentionally preserved in the final blend. Rich yet elegant, and structural yet silky, the 2023 Laurea captures a rare balance of power and finesse. Perfectly ripe fruit is complemented by a captivating savory edge, bringing both depth and energy to the wine.

PHILOSOPHY

Laurea is crafted from the same exceptional vineyard sources and by the same team responsible for Accendo's flagship Cabernet Sauvignon, sharing a clear lineage of site expression and precision. While the flagship wine is composed with an eye toward longevity, Laurea is intentionally shaped to highlight immediacy, elegance, and approachability without sacrificing depth or structure.

Each vintage, select parcels from the younger vines within our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards naturally distinguish themselves, expressing energy and promise. Laurea is crafted from these developing blocks, offering an early glimpse into the character that, with maturity, will define the backbone of our flagship Cabernet Sauvignon. Through careful blending and disciplined winemaking, this wine honors its origins while allowing the vineyards' evolution to take center stage.

Laurea—Latin for honor and achievement—reflects the pursuit of excellence through intention, balance, and restraint.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 Napa Valley growing season provided outstanding conditions for red varieties, marked by one of the longest harvest windows in recent decades. Healthy, well-saturated soils supported strong early vine growth, while cool summer temperatures paired with generous sunshine allowed grape skins and seeds to ripen slowly and thoroughly. Extended hang time through harvest enabled the development of deep color, refined tannins, and layered complexity. The resulting wines show remarkable freshness and elegance, with a polished tannic backbone that brings both immediate appeal and long-term structure.

VARIETAL BLEND

82% Cabernet Sauvignon,
9% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot,
3% Petit Verdot

HAND HARVESTED

October 4 - October 27, 2023

WINEMAKING

Fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in new and used French oak barrels for 21 months before bottling.

ALCOHOL
14.8%

PRODUCTION
1557 cases



ACCOLADES

94pts | vinous



DIAMOND MOUNTAIN
(FORMERLY REVERIE ESTATE),
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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ECOTONE VINEYARD
(FORMERLY Thorevilos Vineyard),
NAPA VALLEY
PETIT VERDOT

UPPER RANGE VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SLEEPING LADY VINEYARD,
YOUNTVILLE
CABERNET SAUVIGNON


Accendo
Cellars

ACCENDO (Latin, Verb):
TO ILLUMINATE, TO INSPIRE, TO AROUSE

VINEYARDS

For the 2023 Laurea, Cabernet Sauvignon from the Sleeping Lady Vineyard, located on the “Gold Coast”—the western bench of Yountville—and Cabernet Sauvignon from Diamond Mountain, farmed by Nigel Kinsman, are complemented by distinctive hillside components: Cabernet Sauvignon from Upper Range, overlooking Lake Hennessey, and Petit Verdot from Ecotone.