



# BRYANT

2023

## VINTAGE WINEMAKER NOTES

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### GROWING SEASON

We received 42 inches of rain for the 2023 growing season (the average is 25 inches). Overall, it was a later and cooler year of excellent quality; to broadly examine, 2023, 2024, and 2025 are all distinct in their nuance, yet similar in their sense of spaciousness and caliber. The consistency of the Bryant Family Vineyard proved balanced once again, with a plentiful yet restrained crop. The clusters were truly beautiful.

We began picking on October 10 and reveled in a generous harvest window that lasted through November 2. These extremely ideal conditions are reflected in the final wines through their seamlessness and natural beauty, and also allowed us—for the second time ever—to produce a Cabernet Franc from the estate.

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### BRYANT FAMILY VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

This vintage we bottled a little over 800 cases of the Bryant Family Vineyard 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Grown on the rocky slopes of Pritchard Hill and farmed organically and biodynamically, the wines in recent years have developed a distinct minerality that hints of graphite and pencil shavings; it has been an interesting quality to observe. Over time, the amount of new oak has naturally lightened, landing at 60% new for the 2023s. The tannins are smooth, the fruit weight is dense, and the finish carries on for minutes.

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### BRYANT FAMILY VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

For the second time in our history, we bottled a standalone Cabernet Franc. There are two parcels of Cabernet Franc on the estate, planted in 2006 and in 2017. Because yields and quality aligned, we were able to bottle 46 cases. The final wine is 98% Cabernet Franc with 2% Cabernet Sauvignon blended in to round the edge and achieve the best possible expression. Aged in 50% new and 50% neutral oak, the Cabernet Franc is intriguing, with notes of blue fruits and black tea. It has a dense yet supple fruit weight in the mid-palate and a deeply satiating, satisfying finish.

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### DB4 RED BLEND

The DB4 is the starting cuvée of the Bryant lineup—it is a blend of Bryant Family Vineyard and BETTINA (with BETTINA to be released after extended bottle aging in the fall). As Bettina likes to say, the DB4 is the precocious younger sibling of BFV and BETTINA, and the 2023 vintage might be the strongest DB4 to date. The wine is composed of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot, and 6% Petit Verdot. Aged in 60% new, 40% neutral oak and totaling 700 cases, the 2023 DB4 is loaded with blue and red fruits and structured tannin.