

CATERWAUL

2023 REGUSCI VINEYARD STAGS LEAP DISTRICT NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NOTES

Dark red rim with a hint of violet color that translates to crushed violets on the nose, the 2023 edition of Caterwaul's Regusci vineyard shows the power and depth of a legendary vintage and classic valley floor site. A strong perfume of licorice and sanguine meat highlight balanced aromas of high and low-tone. The initial weight on the pallet evokes chocolate fondue: dark, dense, and mouth-coating. As the varnish melts away, the backbone of tension from redcurrant fruit binds seamlessly with a clove and graphite finish that gives pause, but only until the next sip.

VINTAGE

A high-potential vintage is characterized by the median of inputs like rainfall, sunshine, heat and lack of unexpected weather events. 2023 has been heralded early and often as a legendary vintage because of this exact scenario. Average annual winter and spring rains set up an uneventful frost season, a warm and mild growing season and the lack of harvest heat or rain to force picking. Winemakers were blessed to harvest fruit exactly when they wanted it and the wineries processed without the usual rush and pressure for tanks. Extended vine hang time in moderate conditions developed soft tannins that support layered complex flavors.

PARTNERSHIP

A partnership between Matt Hardin and Thomas Brown was formed during the 2014 vintage after countless years of working together. Out of that friendship the idea of utilizing the strengths of one another gave birth to Caterwaul wines. Matt Hardin, a 6th generation Pope Valley resident and farmer, is owner of Hardin Vineyard Management, one of the most renowned vineyard management companies in Northern California as well as his own Matthew Wallace Wines. Thomas Rivers Brown, winemaker for some of Napa and Sonoma's most iconic labels (Schrader Cellars, Outpost and his own Rivers-Marie, Aston & Dorsey), has more than sixty 100-point wines to his resume.



APPELLATION:

Stags Leap District Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak, 85% New,
21 Months in barrel*

ALCOHOL:

14.9%

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

235 Cases