

CATERWAUL

2023 CATERWAUL NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NOTES

Great vintages are often signaled early in a wine's life. Mere weeks into existence, the richness, balance and power of 2023 was clear. Carefully sourced Napa Valley vineyards produced great dividends with a perfect marriage of round tannin and supple fruit. Brilliant scarlet red on the rim - denoting a natural acidity - the wine quickly finds depth in an opaque, violet hue. A rich nose of crushed minerals and red/black berry fruit fills the glass, framed by dusky, dark violets. Complexity on the initial palate girds the expectation of an unbridled wine. Like a gentle giant, this wine clearly has a powerful build but conveys a restrained intensity that adds to the lore. Soft tannins marked by toasted oak and a wide frame of confit red and purple fruit mark the midpalate. Freshness extends the long finish. There is something here for everyone - and in spades.

VINTAGE

A high-potential vintage is characterized by a median experience of inputs like rainfall, sunshine, heat and unexpected weather events. 2023 was heralded early as a legendary vintage because of this exact scenario. Above average winter and spring rains set up an uneventful frost season that was followed by a mild growing season and a lack of harvest heat or rain. Winemakers were blessed to pick fruit exactly when they wanted it, and the wineries processed without the pressure to turn tanks. The word that keeps coming to mind with 2023 is seamless. Wines with an abundance of everything that flows uninterrupted from one element to the next.

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:

Napa Valley

VARIETAL:

Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak, 50% New
18 Months in barrel*

ALCOHOL:

14.9%

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

12,734 Cases