

# CATERWAUL

## 2023 CATERWAUL SONOMA COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### NOTES

Accentuated in great growing seasons, old-vine Cabernet always brings an extra element to our wines with a more naturally occurring complex core of flavors. Black cherry and redcurrant aromatics are ever-present, showcasing brightness from the cool Sonoma nights and an evocative earthiness from sitting in the shadow of Mount St. Helena. Expressive but refined and powerful but balanced, this wine focuses on the accessible nature of a legendary vintage. Chewy, round tannin supports a palate of melted baking chocolate, raspberry compote, and fresh sage. This is a wine with broad appeal, offering satisfaction to all levels of wine drinker. A touch of eucalyptus brings a lightness to the very end with a hint of sweetness from French oak barriques framing the lingering finish.

### 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:

*Sonoma County*

### VARIETAL:

*Cabernet Sauvignon*

### BARREL AGING:

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

### ALCOHOL:

*14.9%*

### TOTAL PRODUCTION:

*1,914 Cases*