



2023 THE LARK ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON **98+** points

A tiny barrel selection that's not made every year, the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon The Lark Estate is based on 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and aged in 86% new French oak. This dense, massively concentrated, powerful, full-bodied, yet mineral-laced wine shows currants, scorched earth, graphite, crushed stone, and lead pencil nuances. It has beautiful mid-palate depth, serious tannins, and a great finish. Hide bottles for 7-8 years if you can, as it will see its 50th birthday in fine form. Drink 2032-2073.



2023 SOLARI ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON **97** points

Coming from a single parcel in the past, today this cuvée is a blend of older vines from throughout the estate with a focus on more gravelly soils. Based on 100% Cabernet Sauvignon and aged in 77% new French oak, the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Solari Estate reminds me of a great vintage Léoville Las Cases with its incredible cassis, graphite, and lead pencil-driven aromatics. It's full-bodied, has a concentrated, pure, layered mouthfeel, building tannins, and a great finish. It's a legit, serious wine that offers pleasure today yet deserves 5-7 years of bottle age. Drink 2030-2055.



2023 FIREBELLE ESTATE RED BLEND **94** points

The Bordeaux blend idea of the estate that's always based largely on Merlot, the 2023 Firebelle Estate Red Blend checks in as 63% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Petit Verdot aged in 64% new French oak. Its deep ruby/plum hue is followed by a beautiful nose of ripe black cherry and blackberry fruits, intermixed with scorched earth, graphite, and crushed stone. It's medium to full-bodied, has a concentrated, layered mouthfeel, plenty of mid-palate depth, integrated oak, and a great finish. It's clearly the finest vintage of this I've tasted. Drink 2026-2036.



2023 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON **92** points

The introduction cuvée of this great estate, based on 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from throughout the property in Calistoga and aged in 76% new French oak, the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate has a deep plum hue and a classic Larkmead nose of red and black fruits, scorched earth, leather, and graphite. It's medium to full-bodied, has ample mid-palate depth, good concentration, and a great finish. Drink 2026-2035.



2024 ESTATE LILLIE SAUVIGNON BLANC **93** points

All varietal aged in 32% new oak, the 2023 Sauvignon Blanc Lillie is medium gold-hued with classy, Bordeaux Blanc-like notes of honeyed lemon, melon, and crushed stone minerality. It's nicely balanced, medium-bodied, has bright acidity, and a great, almost salty finish. It's beautifully done and will shine on the dinner table any time over the coming 10-12 years. Drink 2025-2037.