



WINE:  
2023 FIREBELLE ESTATE RED BLEND

PRODUCTION:  
1,365 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:  
63% MERLOT  
21% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
14% CABERNET FRANC  
2% PETIT VERDOT

SOIL PROFILE:  
PLEASANTON LOAM

ALCOHOL:  
14.7%

FRENCH OAK AGING:  
22 MONTHS, 64% NEW

## TASTING NOTES

In the glass, the wine opens with a lifted aromatic profile of cherry blossom and violets, layered with bramble berry, cherry conserves, cassis, and dark plum, framed by delicate dried thyme and winter spices from aging in new French oak. A subtle mineral note of crushed slate emerges with time in the glass, lending precision and tension.

On the palate, the wine is precise, carried by bright, fruit-driven acidity balanced by firm and velvety tannins. The broad, supple mid-palate expands with red plum, black cherry, and espresso. Mouthwatering yet composed, the finish is long, leaving a savory resonance and an impression of quiet sophistication.

## REVIEWS & SCORES

*“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. 94 POINTS” Jeb Dunnuck, January 2026*

## DRINKING WINDOW

Since its inception in 2003, the *Firebelle* Estate Red Blend has celebrated the expressive power of older-vine Merlot from our historic Calistoga estate. While the blend has evolved over the years, Merlot consistently shines when paired with its traditional companions, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. For the first time since 2016, a small addition of Petit Verdot enhances the blend, contributing depth, structure, and nuance to create a wine that is both complex and exquisitely balanced.

This vintage beautifully combines the brightness and approachability of Merlot with the structure and depth of Cabernet Sauvignon, resulting in a wine that is drinking beautifully upon release and will continue to reward with time.

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NEXT 5-15+ YEARS