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2023 Cabernet Sauvignon

Saint Helena, Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON

The 2023 vintage in Napa Valley was remarkable, marked by a long, measured growing season that allowed for exceptional phenolic development and structural balance. Heavy winter precipitation ensured deep soil moisture, and a cool spring delayed flowering and fruit set, reducing stress and promoting even cluster development. Summer temperatures were moderate, with daytime highs of 72–75°F and cooler nights, which slowed sugar accumulation while optimizing tannin and anthocyanin maturation. These ideal conditions allowed our Cabernet Sauvignon to ripen fully without heat stress or sunburn, with harvest occurring on October 6th. The 2023 vintage ranks among the most exceptional in decades, providing our Cabernet Sauvignon with extraordinary definition, nuanced richness, and compelling presence.

TASTING NOTES

The wine reveals an intricate aromatic profile of brambly blackberry, black plum, macerated cherry, wild sage, and delicate rose petal, complemented by subtle hints of pipe tobacco and unsweetened cocoa. On the palate, finely structured, velvety tannins provide both grace and weight, framing nuanced layers of red currant, spiced cardamom, and gentle cocoa. Vibrant freshness and mid-to-full body carry the flavors seamlessly to a long, lingering finish that is at once precise, harmonious, and profoundly expressive. The extraordinary 2023 vintage promises to evolve beautifully in the cellar, gaining additional depth, complexity, and richness over the next 20+ years.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are harvested at 24.6 Brix, sorted by hand, then with an optical sorting machine before going to tank for a 5-day cold soak, after which fermentation begins. We utilize gravity flow and gentle practices at every stage of the winemaking process. Philosophically, we believe that wines with more time on skins exhibit better tension, texture and length, so we average 37 days of maceration before barreling down into a combination of new and once-used French oak barrels. The wine is bottled unfined and unfiltered after a 21 month élevage.

WINE SPECS

Winemaker:	Matthew Sands
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	100% Saint Helena Napa Valley
Vineyard:	MOWE ESTATE
Harvest:	October 6, 2023
Aging:	21 months, 75% New French oak barrels
Bottled:	June 13, 2025
ABV:	14.3%
pH:	3.71
TA:	7.7 g/L
Production:	240 cases and 60 magnums