

CIRCUMFERENCE

2023 DRY CREEK VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Blend: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot

5% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot 2% Cabernet Franc

Alc: 14.5% by vol. | **Aging:** 12 Months in French oak

pH: 3.6 | **Acidity:** 5.5 g/mL | **Residual Sugar:** 2.5 g/L

VINEYARDS

This Cabernet Sauvignon from Dry Creek Valley underwent a carefully orchestrated vinification process to fully express the varietal's robust character and the unique terroir of this Sonoma County region. The grapes were harvested at optimal maturity, ensuring concentrated flavors and ideal tannin structure. After meticulous sorting, the grapes were destemmed and gently crushed, then transferred to fermentation tanks. Fermentation was conducted in stainless steel to control temperatures precisely, maximizing flavor extraction and color development while preserving the integrity of the fruit. Following fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acidity and enhance the mouthfeel, contributing to a richer, more velvety texture. The maturation process involved aging the wine in French oak barrels for several months, with a mix of new and used barrels to impart complexity and depth without overwhelming the natural fruit flavors. This oak aging not only added subtle notes of vanilla, spice, and toast but also helped to integrate the tannins, resulting in a smoother, more harmonious wine. The careful management of this maturation process ensures that the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon from Dry Creek Valley develops into a sophisticated, well-structured wine with excellent potential for aging, reflecting the distinctive qualities of its origin.

WINE

The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon from Dry Creek Valley is a robust and richly layered wine that beautifully captures the essence of this renowned Sonoma County region. It pours a deep, vibrant garnet color, hinting at the structured and complex experience to follow. On the nose, this Cabernet Sauvignon exudes powerful aromas of dark fruits like blackcurrant and blackberry, complemented by elegant notes of cedar and tobacco, and a subtle hint of bell pepper, adding depth and intrigue. The palate is full-bodied and intense, with a rich tapestry of dark cherry and plum flavors, underscored by firm, well-structured tannins that provide excellent backbone and aging potential. Nuances of dark chocolate, leather, and a touch of vanilla from careful oak aging enhance the complexity, leading to a long, satisfying finish with a lingering note of spice. This 2023 Dry Creek Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a testament to the quality and character of the region, ideal for enjoying now or allowing to mature gracefully in the cellar.

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