

REPUTATION

2023 NAPA VALLEY **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

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Blend: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

Alc: 14.5% by vol. | **Aging:** 18 Months in French oak

pH: 3.75 | **Acidity:** 5.4 g/mL | **Residual Sugar:** 2 g/L

VINEYARDS

Sourced from select vineyards renowned for their superior terroir, were harvested at optimal ripeness to ensure a perfect balance of flavor, acidity, and tannin structure. After careful sorting, the grapes were destemmed and gently crushed, then fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks to preserve the integrity of the fruit and facilitate controlled extraction of color and tannins. This process was crucial for developing the wine's robust structure and deep flavor profile. Following fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation to soften the acidity and enhance the mouthfeel, adding a creamy texture to the robust tannins. The maturation process involved aging the wine in French oak barrels for several months, with a significant portion being new oak to impart depth and complexity. This oak aging not only contributed subtle notes of vanilla, spice, and toast but also helped to integrate the tannins, resulting in a smoother, more rounded wine. The careful selection of barrels ensured that the oak complemented the wine's powerful fruit characteristics without overwhelming them, allowing the wine to develop a sophisticated balance of fruit, tannins, and oak, with excellent potential for aging and evolving into an even more complex wine over time.

WINE

Featuring a deep, rich garnet color, indicative of its concentrated flavors. On the nose, this Cabernet Sauvignon offers a complex bouquet of dark fruits such as blackcurrant, black cherry, and a hint of ripe plum, beautifully interwoven with sophisticated notes of cedar, tobacco, and dark chocolate. These aromas are complemented by subtle hints of vanilla and spice, a testament to its careful aging in premium French oak barrels. The palate is robust and full-bodied, with a velvety texture that carries the intense flavors of dark berries, complemented by well-integrated tannins and a balanced acidity that adds longevity and poise. The finish is long and memorable, with lingering notes of espresso and a hint of minerality, making this 2023 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon a truly exquisite wine, ideal for special occasions or further cellaring to enhance its complexity.



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