



CHAPPELLET



2023 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

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The Wine

The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon has been our flagship wine for well over three decades. It is a benchmark for the long-lived hillside wines of the Napa Valley, full of structure and aging potential, yet seductively forward in its varietal character. The dry, rocky soils of Pritchard Hill produce small, intensely flavorful grapes. Crop thinning allows for full, even ripening and further elevates flavor complexity.

Growing Season & Harvest

With early season rains saturating soils and a cool spring and summer that ensured generous hangtime, 2023 offered perfect weather that took the grapes to another level. To provide airflow and light on the grapes during a cool vintage, we pruned and leafed early and often. Though later than normal, both budbreak and bloom were excellent with overall yields up slightly. The weather stayed cool into fall, with only one September day above 90° F, before things warmed up in October, providing a final push to ripeness. Though harvest was compact, we were able to pick everything at the ideal moment, yielding impeccably balanced red wines with concentrated color, seamless tannins and an abundance of fruit and spice.

Tasting Notes

Reflecting the uniqueness of the long, cool 2023 growing season, this wine is beautifully dark, concentrated and nuanced. As it opens up, aromas of blackberry, creme de cassis, dark chocolate and roasted coffee emerge, as well as hints of vanilla bean, cedar, sage and incense. On the palate it is rich and full bodied with silky tannins and a polished structure that melds seamlessly with lush flavors of black cherry, currant and mocha, with sophisticated hints of fresh herbs, French oak and spice adding gravitas to a long, resonant finish.

Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept. 11 – Oct. 15, 2023
25.0- 27.0° Brix at Harvest
14.5% Alcohol
TA .58 g/100 ml
pH 3.77
Bottled - June 2025

Wine Blend

86% Cabernet Sauvignon
8% Malbec
7% Petit Verdot