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THE GUARDIAN

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2023

THE VINTAGE

A cool spring gently delayed budbreak and flowering, allowing the vines to develop steadily and evenly. Summer arrived with remarkably mild, consistent weather, free from the intense heat spikes of recent vintages, giving the fruit a long and unhurried ripening period. The result is a vintage defined by balance and purity, with expressive aromatics, freshness, and remarkable finesse.

WINEMAKING

Drawn exclusively from historic Cabernet Sauvignon estates, this wine is a collaboration between winemaker Sarah Vandendriessche and consulting winemaker Heidi Peterson Barrett. Through the careful selection of exceptional vineyard parcels and meticulous craftsmanship, the result is a Cabernet Sauvignon that is both bold and expressive, balancing depth and structure with elegance and refinement.

TASTING NOTES

A beautifully poised Cabernet Sauvignon, the palate unfolds with layered notes of blackberry compote, black cherry, and dark currant. Accents of cocoa and warm baking spice reflect the slow, even ripening of the vintage. The tannins are polished and structured, giving the wine a graceful, lifted energy. Fresh acidity brings balance and precision, carrying the flavors through a long, seamless finish that highlights the purity of the fruit and the elegance of the 2023 growing season.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche and Heidi Peterson Barrett
APPELLATION: Napa Valley
PH: 3.77
TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.93
ALCOHOL: 15%
AGING: 100% *(once filled)* French oak

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