

2023 CADE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN



BLEND
90% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Petit Verdot
4% Malbec



ALCOHOL
14.4%



PRODUCTION
295 barrels



99 POINTS
Decanter



WINEMAKER
Danielle Cyrot

AVA
Howell Mountain

VINEYARD NOTES

The CADE Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from four vineyards on Howell Mountain, including our vineyards CADE Estate and 13th Vineyard, Neal, and Cold Springs Vineyard. The fruit was harvested from October 12 through November 1, 2023.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage was a welcome relief compared to the very warm and furious pace of the 2022 vintage. It was a cool vintage where budbreak was later, summer temperatures were relatively cool, and the growing season was slightly condensed, which enabled us to pick at lower sugars with higher acidity. The resulting 2023 wines are spectacular. They are balanced in all directions. The color, tannin, structure, flavor, and aroma are all in harmony.

FERMENTATION

The fruit was handpicked, destemmed/whole berry, hand sorted or optically sorted, and pumped into small stainless steel fermentation tanks. The must was kept at 50°F for a 2-day cold soak. Fermentation was hot and fast with temperatures reaching a maximum of 92°F and the juice macerating on the skins/seeds for 6-9 days.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine was aged for 19 months in 86% new French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel immediately after primary fermentation was complete. The wine was racked quarterly once malolactic fermentation finished until bottling.

COOPERAGE

Allary, Atelier, Bernard, Cavin, Darnajou, D'Aquitaine, Doreau, Ermitage, Le Grand, Mercurey, Nadalie, Tonnellerie O, Orion, Quintessence, Sylvain, and Vernou.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The wine has aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, brown spice, caramel, dark chocolate, African black plum, cranberry, raspberry, black cherries, and violets. On the palate are flavors of black currant, rhubarb, red licorice, cardamom, cinnamon, mocha, pomegranate, black pepper, and cocoa-dusted coffee beans. The tannins are balanced, the acidity bright, and the finish glides across the palate. This vintage is one that drinks beautifully now, but also has the depth, concentration, and structure to age for several years.