

2023 13TH VINEYARD RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, HOWELL MOUNTAIN



VARIETALS

94% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Malbec
2% Petit Verdot



ALCOHOL

14.6%



PRODUCTION

12 barrels



99 POINTS

Lisa Perotti-Brown

13th vineyard

WINEMAKER

Danielle Cyrot

AVA

Howell Mountain

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 13th Vineyard Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is from our 82-acre estate vineyard on Howell Mountain, adjacent to CADE Estate. This property was the 13th bonded winery in California, dating back to 1886. The vineyard is planted to 74 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.5 acres of Malbec, and 1 acre of Petit Verdot. The fruit was harvested between October 12 and November 1, 2023. A very tight picking window because of the late, long, and cool growing season. This vintage was all about waiting. We waited until the flavors were perfect, the color dark, and just before any rain. That eventually came in the first week of November.

FERMENTATION

The fruit was handpicked, destemmed/whole berry, 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 5-7 days.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine was aged for 20 months in 100% new French oak barrels. Only free run wine was used in the blend, no press fractions were selected. Racking occurred immediately after the completion of malolactic fermentation, then quarterly until bottling.

COOPERAGE

Sylvain Signature Medium Plus, Sylvain Reserve Medium Plus, Quintessence Fleur Medium Plus, Doreau House Toast, Atelier Medium Plus Steam Bent, and Darnajou Medium Plus Toast.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The 2023 13th Vineyard Reserve has aromas of blackberry, wildflowers, boysenberry, milk chocolate, white pepper, and black currants. In the palate are flavors of raspberry, warmed caramel, vanilla bean, fresh cherries, cardamom, coffee bean, cassis, and granite. The wine has iconic Howell Mountain tannin and structure. The palate is bright, lifted, and lengthy, finishing with a touch of minerality. The 2023 vintage was cool and long, producing wines that will surely age a good 10 years longer than warmer vintages. This wine is a blend of the best of the best. The best blocks, best barrels, and overall the best wine we could blend together from our Estate.