

2023 PLUMPJACK ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, OAKVILLE



VARIETALS
93% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Petit Verdot



ALCOHOL
15.2%



PRODUCTION
7,800 cases



96 POINTS
Antonio Galloni



PLUMPJACK
WINERY

WINEMAKER
Aaron Miller

AVA
Oakville

VINTAGE

The winter of 2023 was cold and wet. Rainfall was 10 inches above average and we saw record snowfall in the mountains of Napa Valley. So, understandably, our vines slept in a bit, and budbreak began about three weeks later than what is typical. Spring was cool. Summer was cool. And while we were getting reports of record heat throughout the U.S., the fall in Napa was... cool. The late budbreak and cool vintage led to a late harvest and allowed us to craft incredible wines with beautiful and fresh aromatics, vibrant acidity, and great depth, weight, and complexity.

VINEYARD

The PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on our estate in Oakville. PlumpJack is planted on an ancient mudslide originating in the Vaca Mountains. This left us with a very diverse soil profile – four soil types and a gradient of rock through the estate. This diversity in soil results in a diverse and unique expression of Cabernet Sauvignon and contributes to the complex aromas, flavors, and textures of this wine.

FERMENTATION & AGING

The Estate grapes were cold soaked for 4 to 5 days to coax out more color while maintaining velvety tannin. The grapes were then fermented up to a maximum temperature of 92 degrees F. Each lot was drained off the skins after a total maceration of 8 to 12 days. After draining, the wines were racked to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation and to age. This wine was aged in 100% French oak barrels, 70% of which were new. The coopers used were primarily Sylvain, Taransaud, Quintessence, Cavin, and Nadalie. The cooperage is a blend of medium, medium-plus, and heavy toast barrels from a variety of forests. This blend of coopers, forests, and toasts adds layers and aromatic complexity to the wine. The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was bottled after 20 months of aging.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

The 2023 PlumpJack Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is a true expression of time and place – multifaceted and intriguing flavors derived from our diverse and complex soils with a purity and focus that only a cooler vintage can deliver. The nose opens with plum, boysenberry, wild blackberry, and black cherry along with classic notes of mint and sage. Under the fruit, the oak-derived flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, vanilla, and cocoa nib contribute warmth and depth. The palate is delightfully rich, round, and velvety. This silky texture is balanced by a firm, fine tannin and a mouth-watering acidity that draws you back in for another sip. But before you go back in, appreciate the layers of flavors and textures in the persistent finish.