

2023 ODETTE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, STAGS LEAP DISTRICT



VARIETALS
96% Cabernet Sauvignon
4% Petit Verdot



ALCOHOL
15.2%



PRODUCTION
430 cases



98+ POINTS
Jeb Dunnuck



WINEMAKER
Andrew Haugen

AVA
Stags Leap District

ESTATE VINEYARD

The 2023 is sourced from our 38-acre estate vineyard in the heart of the Stags Leap AVA. The soils are comprised of deep Bale clay loam, well-drained Perkins, and Boomer gravelly loam with a volcanic influence from the Vaca Mountain Range. The vineyard boasts 8 different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec, and Cabernet Franc with vines up to 41 years old.

VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season began with a long, wet winter that pushed budbreak well into April. While some say Napa Valley grapes enjoyed longer-than-average hang time, we contend that the growing season started late and finished in kind. Pervasive cool summer temperatures and abundant sunshine allowed our grapes to develop and preserve exceptional depth of color and flavor. The harvest season was characterized by a series of sequential low and high pressure systems that brought brief showers and just enough heat to perfectly ripen every parcel of the Odette Estate.

FERMENTATION & AGING

There were 8 individual picks from our estate's 35 producing acres, beginning with 30-year-old Cabernet Sauvignon vines on October 11 and concluding with Petit Verdot on October 20. The must was cold soaked for 3 to 4 days before warming tanks up for inoculation. Maceration times ranged from 7 to 9 days, with ferment temperatures peaking at 94°F. Individual lots were evaluated during the first racking, with an initial base blend coalescing in July 2024. Final assemblage took place just prior to bottling in August of 2025. Aged for 21 months in 100% French oak barrels, 95% new.

WINEMAKER IMPRESSIONS

Showcasing the potency of our oldest vines, energy from new plantings, and grace imparted by a cool growing season, the 2023 Odette Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Stags Leap District, exemplifies our muse, the Swan Princess, Odette. Scintillating cinnamon, summer lilac, and blueberry pie lift from the glass. Further examination ignites the olfactory with aromas of market-fresh blackberry and black cherry. The palate is full-bodied, with notes of vanilla swirling around cassis, pulverized granite, and Danish butter cookies from the tin at grandma's house. Voluptuous ripe tannin wreathes a persistent finish of espresso, dark chocolate, and simmering raspberry compote.