



2023 Estate Cabernet Franc

Appellation: St. Helena, Crocker Estate, Napa Valley, Green Vineyard Certified Farming, Regenerative Farming in process

Composition: Cabernet Franc 100%

Clonal Blend: Clone 332 Block 7, Old Vines Block 6, Clone 214 Block 9a

Winemaking: Small lot fermentation, 22 months élevage in French oak, 71% new; Estate Produced in our Napa Green Certified Winery

Harvest Dates: October 19, 20, 25

Bottled: June 2025

Case Production: 680 Cases

Release Date: February 2026

SRP: \$125

We honor the highest form of responsible farming practices to achieve harmony and balance amongst our vines. Napa Green certified Vineyard and Winery. Striving to lower our carbon footprint through recycled paper and glass, reducing bottle glass weight, minimizing water usage in production and more.

2023 Harvest Report

A throwback season reminiscent of the long and later growing seasons typical of the early 2000s, with budbreak occurring at the end of March. We experienced a bit of weather 'highs and lows' during flowering and fruit set, which only mildly reduced the yield in a couple of vineyard blocks. The growing season was moderate and well-paced, providing our vineyard team with plenty of time to manage the vines. Overall, it was an even and steady growing season. Our Sauvignon Blanc harvest began in the first week of September, with our last black grapes coming in from the vineyard in the first week of November. It was a relaxed, unhurried growing season, resulting in fresh and balanced wines.

Tasting Notes

A powerhouse of precision, the 2023 vintage presents a saturated dark garnet in the glass, erupting with an intense perfume of black raspberry, violets, and underpinned by an intriguing, savory edge of lavender and dried ancho-chili. The palate is a masterclass in texture—silky on entry yet exploding with brooding dark fruits, graphite, and exotic cardamom. There is a remarkable density to the mid-palate, held in perfect check by vibrant, mouthwatering acidity. It concludes with an "everlasting" finish of elegant, fine-grained tannins that signal immense aging potential.

Cellar Note: Restrained in its youth, this wine benefits from decanting now and promises generous rewards for those patient enough to cellar it for two decades or more.

At the heart of Crocker & Starr is our Vineyard Experience:

Touch the Vines...Taste the Wines

Join us at the Estate and become part of our history!

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