



## 2023 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 'RLC' *Rock Loam Clay*



**Composition:** Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

**Appellation:** St. Helena, Napa Valley, Crocker & Starr Estate

**Clone Selection:** See, Jackson, To Kalon

**Winemaking:** Small lot fermentations, 22 months aging in 66% new French Oak 34% single used French Oak.

**Harvest Dates:** Hand Harvested October 25 and 30, 2023

**Bottled:** June 2025

**Case Production:** 1002 cases

**Release Date:** Summer 2026

### Rock, Loam, Clay

Named for the variations of rock, loam, and clay soils found throughout the Crocker Vineyard, RLC is the embodiment of Crocker & Starr as a concept. RLC is the third distinctive estate Cabernet Sauvignon from our St. Helena vineyard estate. The varying soil compositions in these vine blocks (east of our historic Block 3) yield generous and supple grapes which in turn yield a plush and classic Cabernet Sauvignon wine.

### Gone Green

As a **Certified Napa Green Vineyard & Winery and Fish Friendly Farming** operation, we follow regenerative practices to reduce our carbon footprint. Efforts include an electric tractor, sheep grazing for cover crops, insect-friendly habitats, no-till farming, and a yearly farm plan. We also maintain an employee garden, employ no-entry tank rule for safety, adopt labor-saving equipment, and reduction in glass bottle weight; all to protect the land, preserve biodiversity, and craft wines with lasting integrity.

### 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

The 2023 RLC has a beautiful, dense garnet color with intense fruit-filled aromas of black raspberry, black cherry cola, vanilla bean and warming spices. The broad, velvety palate is layered with marionberry, cherry, fennel, sweet tobacco and all spice, full of fine tannins with mouthwatering acidity and a lasting finish. This wine drinks well upon release (paired perfectly with burgers) and will age elegantly for 15+ years.

*At the heart of Crocker & Starr is our Vineyard Experience: Touch the Vines...Taste the Wines*  
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