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A fragrance assails us, the aroma of wine

2023 Cabernet Sauvignon 1882

In 1882, Captain Gustave Niebaum produced his first vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon. Niebaum's status as one of the leading pioneers of Napa Valley's wine industry inspired us to produce our 1882 Cabernet Sauvignon on the same land.

Appellation:

Rutherford, Napa Valley

Blend:

76% Cabernet Sauvignon
14% Cabernet Franc
5% Petit Verdot
3% Syrah
2% Merlot

Alcohol:

14.1%

Barrel Regime:

20 Months
10% New French Oak
60% Neutral French Oak
5% New American Oak
25% Neutral American Oak

Bottled:

May 2025

Vintage Notes

Winter and spring of 2023 brought a generous amount of rain. Soil moisture delayed bud break, helping to avoid frost. A cool, steady spring kept the vines happy and healthy. By June, conditions were just right for a strong fruit set. Summer warmed up nicely carrying the fruit into a picture-perfect September—ideal for slow, even ripening. The result: red wines with energy, freshness, and beautiful balance. Cool temperatures carried us through August and September, giving the 1882 Cabernet Sauvignon time to hit that perfect balance. We kicked off harvest on October 7th and wrapped up October 20th—smooth and steady.

Tasting Notes

This 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon 1882 opens with concentrated aromas of crème de cassis and raspberry jam, layered with notes of cacao nibs, warm hazelnut, and a subtle whisper of Italian thumbprint cookies. The palate is bold yet poised, featuring grippy, fresh tannins that evolve into a dusty, refined structure, providing balance and tension. Earth-driven undertones of petrichor lend depth and a sense of place. A dark thread of cacao and spice carries through the finish, which is long, textural, and expressive.



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