

# 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon - 750ml

Appellation:

Alexander Valley

First Vintage: 1975

Blend:

Cabernet Sauvignon 92% Malbec 3%

Petit Verdot 2%
Merlot 2%

Cabernet Franc 1%

**Harvest Date:** 9/29 - 11/11/23

Cave Aged:

14 months 25% new American & French oak barrels UPC: 0-85798 02872-6

**SRP:** \$28

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.60

**TA:** 6.1 g/L

RS: 0.25 g/L

Also Available: 3.0L, 1.5L

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In the late 1960s we bottled a few cases of Cabernet Sauvignon for friends and family. That homemade wine became the inspiration for our estate winery, Alexander Valley Vineyards. Decades later both our winery and our iconic valley are known as the home of world class Cabernet Sauvignon.

2023 began with heavy winter rainfall that delivered much needed moisture to the vines, followed by a long, cool growing season. Our harvest occurred about three weeks later than last year, but the long hang time allowed for the development of complexity. At harvest, the quality of the fruit was excellent with balanced acidity and intense flavors. The wine was cave aged for 14 months in 25% new French and American oak barrels.

The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon is easily recognizable as classic Alexander Valley with medium body, bright berry flavors and smooth, structured tannins. Winemaker Kevin Hall blended in Malbec and Petit Verdot for color, Merlot for a hint of structured dark fruit, and a touch of Cabernet Franc for aromatics.

This is a fruit forward Cab with earthy aromas of black cherry, cassis, plum, cherry, hints of chocolate, vanilla and oak. In the glass there are balanced flavors of black cherry, plum, cassis, and chocolate. The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon is a structured wine with firm tannins and a chewy finish that goes on and on sip.

## ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

First produced in 1970, our Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant and balanced. Our easte vinepards are planted on diverse, well drained sites resulting in low yields and rich, concentrated fluors. Each lot is destermed and fermented separately to maximize complexity. We barrel age in our caves for 14 months and bleard Cabernet Sauvignon with small amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot to craft a complex and polished wine that is enjoyable now and will age for 10-15 years. The Wetzel Family Estate, focated on the property settled in the 1840s by Alexander Valley namesake Cyrus Alexander wocases the history, tradition and excellence of the region.

QOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY SECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR

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### Profile:

Loads of dark spicy fruit. Plush, supple tannins.

## **Pairing Suggestions:**

Grilled or pan seared beef, lamb or tuna is a classic. Enjoy with roasted beet soup for a vegetarian twist.

### Accolades:

2023: 93 points - James Suckling

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