Chalk Hill

2023
Clara's Vineyard Red

This wine comes from our 15.9-acre Clara's Vineyard located on Chalk Hill Estate. First planted in 2003 this warm, south-facing site features rocky, porous volcanic soils that are ideal for red Bordeaux varieties. To preserve the long-term viability of the ecosystem, all of our vineyards are maintained using low-input, sustainable viticultural practices.

The 2023 Clara's Vineyard Red is a blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, and 4% Syrah. On the nose, tobacco, toasted oak, leather, spice and a medley of dark fruit aromas intrigue the senses. Dark chocolate, plum, and violet flavors are accented with a hint of clove. This wine is bold yet it offers an elegant structure and velvety tannins that give it a notable err of refinement. Decant in its youth or allow it to evolve in bottle for the next 10+ years.

Harvest

Harvest Dates: October 21st, 25th, and 26th
Average Yields: 3.89 tons/acre
Average Brix at Harvest: 24.8°

Fermentation / Barrel

100% malolactic fermentation with bi-weekly bâtonnage
Cooperage: French oak, 67% new
Barrel Aging: 18 months

Wine

Blend: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec, 4% Syrah
Cases Bottled: 250
pH: 3.6 *TA:* 5.8 g/L *Alcohol:* 14.3%

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