CHATEAU ST JEAN

2023 Cherryblock Cabernet Sauvignon

CHERRYBLOCK VINEYARD | SONOMA VALLEY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from Sonoma Valley's renowned Cherryblock Vineyard, with the oldest vines planted in 1961. Wines from this vineyard are touted for their superior quality, elegance, structure and terroir-driven aromatics unique to this site.

VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season graced us with the slowest start in the last decade. A rainy winter set the vines up for vigorous spring growth, a larger crop, and a longer ripening season. Red and white varietals ripened simultaneously leading to a late, compressed harvest. The crop was bountiful and the quality outstanding.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were hand-picked in the cold overnight hours, preserving freshness and quality. After careful sorting and destemming, the fruit is cold-soaked for three days prior to inoculation in stainless steel tanks. The fermenting juice is pumped-over 2-3 times daily throughout fermentation, extracting color and flavor from the skins. After fermentation is complete, the wine is drained, pressed and moved to 75% new French oak. The final blend was bottled December 8, 2025.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Cherryblock Cabernet Sauvignon presents a captivating bouquet, defined by intense aromas of black cherry, black raspberry, and wild blueberry, underscored by sophisticated notes of rich chocolate and mineral-driven graphite. On the palate, this wine is plush and generous, enveloping the senses in deep dark fruit flavors highlighted by layers of black currant and succulent dark berries. This opulence is framed by balanced acidity and a firm structure of well-integrated tannins, culminating in a refined finish that echoes Cherryblock's signature graphite character. Pair this exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon with aged Gouda on toasted baguette, savory bistec encebollado, or a rich, peppery cacio e pepe.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma Valley
VARIETAL	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot
OAK	100% French oak, 75% new
AGING	24 months
ALCOHOL	14.5%
T.A.	5.8 g/L
pH	3.68