

SWANSON

VINEYARDS

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE

The 2023 grape harvest in Napa Valley is being celebrated as one of the most exceptional vintages in recent memory. A combination of favorable weather conditions and meticulous vineyard management contributed to the outstanding quality of the grapes. The season began with higher-than-average rainfall during winter and spring, replenishing soil moisture and leading to a successful bloom. Cooler spring temperatures delayed the growing season by 10-14 days compared to 2022, but the mild summer weather, with temperatures ranging from 72-75°F, allowed for extended hang-time. This prolonged ripening period enabled grapes to develop deep color, concentrated flavors, and balanced acidity.

VINEYARD

The fruit for the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested from two Napa vineyards: Foley Johnson Estate and Vintage Wine Estate.

WINEMAKING

These grapes were hand harvested in the early morning. Once brought to the winery they were destemmed to a stainless steel tank and underwent a 2-day cold soak. The wine was then inoculated with yeast and pumped over daily during fermentation. Once fermentation was complete, the tank was pressed and racked to 30% new French and American oak barrels. In barrel, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and then aged for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon opens with cassis, milk chocolate, toasted oak, marshmallow, ripe blackberry, and forest floor. The palate is dark and bold with chewy tannins providing excellent grip and a long finish. This powerhouse wine pairs perfectly with flank steak, or aged cheddar cheese.

COMPOSITION

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot,
4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

BARREL REGIME

18 months in French and American oak,
30% new

BOTTLING DATE

June 5, 2025

CASE PRODUCTION

3,300

