

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2023 CABERNET FRANC

ST. JEAN 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 St. Jean Estate Vineyard surrounds the winery and tasting room in Kenwood. The property consists of 270 acres with 90 planted acres of premium varieties. Chardonnay, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot are planted. In select years, we produce this single-vineyard Cabernet Franc.

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

Grapes are sorted and destemmed before a 3-day cold soak. Pump overs are conducted two to three times daily for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is drained and pressed to 35% new French oak for malolactic fermentation and 18 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 St. Jean Vineyard Cabernet Franc is dark and structured. Aromas of blue and black fruits fill the air; subtle smoky herbaceous notes complementing black pepper spice and tobacco. On the palate, black plum, cherry, and raspberry flow freely, supported by beautifully integrated acidity and softly structured tannins. Spice and vanilla linger on the finish. Pair with savory goat cheese tart, grilled asparagus or poblano peppers, or molé duck tacos with pickled red onions.

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APPELLATION
VARIETAL
OAK
AGING
ALCOHOL
T.A.
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Sonoma Valley
98% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon
100% French oak, 35% new
18 months
14.5%
5.4 g/L
3.77

