

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2023 CINQ CÉPAGES

RED WINE

SONOMA COUNTY

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

Cinq Cépages is the flagship wine of Chateau St. Jean. Each year our winemaker selects fruit from outstanding and proven Bordeaux varietal vineyards to craft a wine that showcases the very best of Sonoma County. The primary grape sources for the 2023 vintage are from some of the finest appellations throughout Sonoma County.

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 selected for the 2023 vintage are from some of the finest sub appellations in Sonoma County, including Sonoma Valley (31%), Alexander Valley (30%), Knights Valley (28%), Dry Creek Valley (9%), and Moon Mountain (2%). The fruit was hand-picked in the cool overnight hours and transported to the winery for processing where special care was taken to select only the best fruit and gently de-stem the clusters. After a 10-day fermentation on skins, the wine was pressed and barreled down to 75% new French oak for 20 months of aging. The wine was bottled August 6, 2025.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Cinq Cépages is an elegant and inviting wine from the first pour. The wine presents sophisticated aromas of red and black currant, intertwined with notes of baking chocolate, warm barrel spice, and hints of pencil shavings. The palate is plush and rich, layering ripe blackberry, black plum, and black raspberry with notes of dark chocolate and black tea. Subtle notes of roasted sweet vanilla spice add depth. Well-structured with velvety tannins, this wine culminates in a lengthy finish.

2023

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Malbec, 6% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
OAK	100% French oak, 75% new
AGING	20 months
ALCOHOL	14.4%
T.A.	6.0 g/L
pH	3.6
AGING POTENTIAL	10-15 years