

# CHATEAU ST JEAN

## 2023 MALBEC

DRY CREEK VALLEY

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

The majority of the Malbec for this wine was selected from our Magnolia Ranch vineyard located in Dry Creek Valley with a small amount from our estate vineyard in Sonoma Valley. 16% Merlot from Sonoma Valley was blended in adding layers of character and softness.

### 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 varieties ripened simultaneously leading to a late, compressed harvest. The crop was bountiful and the quality outstanding.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed and destemmed prior to a 10-day fermentation sur lies, then pressed and transferred to a combination of new and used French oak for 18 months of aging. The wine was then filtered and bottled on July 1, 2025.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Alexander Valley Malbec offers an inviting aromatic profile of rich blueberry pie and warm vanilla. The palate is instantly juicy, delivering a medley of dark fruit flavors—specifically blueberry, boysenberry, and blackberry—layered with subtle spice notes. This full-bodied wine maintains a soft, plush texture throughout, culminating in a refined finish with a distinct hint of graphite. The vintage highlights the valley's ability to produce approachable yet structured Malbec, balancing fruit-forward intensity with a smooth mouthfeel.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	86% Malbec, 9% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK	100% French oak, 40% new
AGING	18 months
ALCOHOL	14.5%
T.A.	5.5 g/L
PH	3.76