

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2023 MAACAMA RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALEXANDER 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 fruit for this wine comes from the Maacama Ranch Vineyard located in the southern corner of Alexander Valley. This vineyard features felta clay loam - very gravelly, well-draining soils mixed with St. Helena ash and mixed volcanic rock. All the fruit came from Block 5A.

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

Harvest took place on October 14, 2023. The grapes were brought to the winery for crushing and destemming prior to a 10-day fermentation. The wine was then pressed off the skins and barreled down to 70% new French oak for 18 months of aging. The wine was bottled August 1, 2025.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Maacama Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon offers an aromatic profile of striking depth, characterized by black cherry, cassis, and ripe plum, beautifully accented by sophisticated touches of cocoa, graphite, and spice. On the palate, the wine is generous and layered, leading with a concentrated core of blackberry, black currant, and plum that gives way to indulgent notes of dark chocolate and warm spice. This richness is expertly balanced by fresh acidity and fine-grained tannins that resolve in a remarkably long, nuanced finish.

2023

APPELLATION	Maacama Ranch, Alexander Valley
VARIETAL	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK	100% French oak, 70% new
AGING	18 months
ALCOHOL	14.9%
T.A.	5.6 g/L
PH	3.56

