



2023 Napa Valley Red Wine

- Ridgetop of rare ancient shale soil, Southwest exposure for ripening sun, daily breezes from SF Bay.
- 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, Los Carneros (Napa Valley)
- CCOF Certified organic. Native yeast. Estate grown.
- Aged in Stockinger foudres to maintain aromatics and elegance.
- The pH is 3.77, TA is 4.7 g/L, and alcohol is 13.5%. 233 cases produced.

Since 2003, this wine has been our pursuit of a classic, balanced, and age-worthy red—modeled after the great clarets long produced and cellared around the world, the kind Thomas Jefferson and Winston Churchill famously refused to dine without. Old-school in sensibility yet alive with energy, it is a wine of finesse and substance, built with intention and completeness—a true beginning, middle, and end.

The sale of the Red Hen Vineyard in 2018 resulted in a brief hiatus in our Red Wine production. In Cressida vineyard, we finally found a worthy successor. The 2023 blend is 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot. The Merlot from Cressida vineyard provides the supple mouth-coating texture, as well as the bright red fruit characters that are the hallmarks of our red wine blend. Cabernet Sauvignon provides the ample backbone and darker fruit notes to complement the elegance and lift from the Merlot. This is a serious wine, unapologetically a wine to age, or decant young for an explosion of flavor.

This is a single vineyard blend from our Cressida Vineyard in Los Carneros. The wine spent the first year of elevage in 225-liter barrels with 20% new French oak. The second year was in a 2,000-liter Stockinger foudre to maintain the focus and freshness of the wine.

As always, the wine is defined by its typical bright red and dark fruits, mineral character, cedar and tobacco aromas, along with more rich black fruits and graphite. And there is the trademark structure for aging. This wine will continue to develop for many years.

The Vineyard

The Cressida Vineyard is planted along the spine of a ridgetop in the upper section of Los Carneros, overlooking the Bay, with the San Francisco skyline clearly visible across the water. It receives the perfect balance of warm sun and cooling bay winds, straight off the Pacific and through the Golden Gate. The soils are shale from an ancient inland sea, which lends a distinct minerality to the wines. The vineyard forms the Southern tip of the Mayacamas Mountains. Raptors hover overhead, riding the winds thrust up as the Bay breezes meet the Cressida hillside.