

2023
APERTURE
BORDEAUX
RED BLEND

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WINEMAKER NOTES

For this vintage, we crafted a distinct Bordeaux blend, composed of primarily Malbec and Merlot, with a delicately balancing of smaller inclusion of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot, and cabernet franc. The ripe red fruit characters are structured by silky seamless tannins, showcasing an elegant density to the blend.

All of our fruit is hand harvested and brought into the winery within hours of being picked. Everything is methodically and obsessively sorted. A cold soak of 4-7 days with minimal air incorporation starts the extraction and then cool fermentations with native yeast carry out the remaining. Air and temperature are controlled throughout the 14-28 day fermentation and extended maceration is determined lot by lot when I walk the fine line of full extraction but still keep an elegant and silky texture. Wines go through malolactic fermentation in barrel and are aged (sur-lie) for 18 months in French oak and concrete.

— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**



APPELLATION

Sonoma County

VARIETAL

Red Blend

BLEND

36% Malbec
28% Merlot
23% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot

AGING PROGRAM

Aged 18 months
50% new French oak
59 and 70 gallon French oak barrels
5% concrete

UNFINED, UNFILTERED AND UN-ACIDIFIED

ALC 14.4%

VINEYARD

This wine is composed of grapes from our estate property as well as some of our hillside vineyards, which help to keep berry size down and concentration strong.

SOIL TYPE | Clay Loam

The vineyard blocks that make up our Red Blend are all clay soil type. This clay helps some of the early ripening varieties lengthen their growing season so the grapes achieve full phenolic ripeness while also keeping a freshness in the fruit characteristics.

ACCOLADES

“I tasted the 2023 Bordeaux Red Blend...It has alluring aromas of cassis, blueberry preserves, incense, chocolate, iron, thyme and violet. The full-bodied palate is seamless and luxe with pure yet youthfully coiled flavors. It's framed by velvety tannins and refreshing acidity and has a long, floral finish. It should be long lived in the cellar.”

95+ points

- Erin Brooks, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

HARVEST DATE: 10/5/23-11/3/23