

2023  
APERTURE  
CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON

# Aperture

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Focusing first on the Cabernet fruit from our mineral-rich, volcanic soil sites nestled on the hillside slopes in the Alexander Valley. This vintage's blend is uniquely crafted with a delicate inclusion of Malbec, and a hint of Merlot and Petit Verdot, showcasing intense black fruits enriched with lengthy velvety tannins.

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

Cabernet Sauvignon

## BLEND

95% Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Malbec  
1% Merlot  
1% Petit Verdot

## AGING PROGRAM

Aged 18 months  
55% new oak  
59 and 70 gallon French oak barrels  
10% concrete

## UNFINED, UNFILTERED AND UN-ACIDIFIED

**ALC 14.5%**

## VINEYARD

Mix of eastern hillsides that are South and South West facing with a bench land block. Hillside Cabernet vineyard sites, all with mineral-rich volcanic soils, are always the first focus of this blend.

## SOIL TYPE | Volcanic

For our Cabernet, we specifically work with some of the most unique sites throughout Alexander Valley that focus on well drained, volcanic soils. With little organic material, these soils help to control vigor and growth and increase concentration and complexity in the wine. Many of these unique soils are in the Eastern hillsides of the appellation and display an amazing rich, red color.

## ACCOLADES

"I tasted the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon in October, not long after it was bottled in August. Grapes were harvested October 5 through November 3...It has slowly unfurling scents of cassis, black cherry, dark chocolate, cast iron and floral hints. The full-bodied palate is impressively concentrated without over-ripeness, and its flavors are rich yet minerally. It has an haut couture frame of powdery tannins and refreshing acidity and a very long, elegant finish. It should be very long lived in the cellar."

**96+ points**

**- Erin Brooks, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**

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