

2023
APERTURE
SAUVIGNON
BLANC

Aperture

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 sauvignon blanc incorporates our estate-grown sémillon and sauvignon musqué, that we planted on the Aperture property in 2019. These two estate blocks were hand-harvested in early September at the same time as the Sauvignon Blanc from Farrow Ranch in Geyserville. The sauvignon blanc from Dry Stack Vineyard in the Bennett Valley AVA was brought to the winery in early October, consistent with this vineyard's unique late-ripening characteristics.

Basing the pressure on the acid measurements, we lightly whole cluster press the fruit to a stainless steel tank where we let the juice chill at 50°F. After three days, we clean-rack it to a smaller tank leaving the heavy sediment behind. Three days later, fermentation starts naturally and keeps below 56°F until 18 brix when we transfer the young wine to barrels. There, it spends the remaining time on lees until just before bottling. Once transferred to barrel, the wine is placed in our cold barrel room to keep fermentation cool and slow to intentionally preserve the bright aromatics and fresh quality. As the wine slowly ferments for an additional 3 weeks in barrel, we top and stir weekly. The wine stays in those same barrels for 6 months.

— WINEMAKER **JESSE KATZ**



APPELLATION

Sonoma County

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc

BLEND

82% Sauvignon Blanc
18% Sémillon

BARREL PROGRAM

Aged 6 months
33% new French oak
30% once used French oak
25% neutral French oak
12% cement tank

ALC 13.9%

VINEYARD

We harvest grapes from three vineyards for this wine. Our estate sémillon and sauvignon musqué in Russian River Valley, sauvignon blanc from Dry Stack Vineyard in Bennett Valley, and sauvignon blanc from our estate property, Farrow Ranch in Alexander Valley.

SOIL TYPE | Clay Loam

The soils are marine clay loam with many small to medium sized stones throughout the profile, helping drainage and soil texture.

ACCOLADES

"Pouring a brilliant silver/straw hue, it takes on a distinctly Bordeaux Blanc-styled profile on the nose, with crystalline aromas of lemon candies, spices, tropical flowers, and fresh grapefruit. Medium-bodied, with a luxurious, rounded feel, it reveals a lot of refinement on the palate, offering a silky texture and a weightless, mouthwatering finish. It's only going to improve if given the chance, but it's delicious now."

94 points

-Audrey Frick, Jeb Dunnuck



HERZOG

SPECIAL RESERVE

CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY | 2023

STYLE AND DESCRIPTION

Cool terrior style wine, showing elegant top notes of lime, apple and tropical fruit, enhanced with a bouquet of toasty oak. Rich and lush mouthfeel. Serve with grilled vegetables, barbecued salmon or roasted turkey. Well balanced acidity will allow the wine to age to 6 years when cellared at 55° F - 60° F.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Hand harvested and whole cluster pressed in a diaphragm press. 96% barrel fermented in French and American oak. Completed malolactic in barrels.

HARVEST ANALYSIS

ABV	pH	TA (g/L)	RS
14.5%	3.84	5.47	DRY





J Vineyards & Winery

2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Russian River Valley

Since 1986, J Vineyards & Winery has developed a reputation as one of the top sparkling and still wine producers in California. J has come to be known for its celebrated estate vineyards, contemporary winery and world-class hospitality. Estate Director Nicole Hitchcock showcases her expertise and the diversity of California winegrowing regions through a portfolio of high-quality still and sparkling wines of distinction.

About the Wine

Aromas of:	Expressive notes of black cherry, blackberry and toasted vanilla
Notes of:	Fresh-picked blueberry, cherry, raspberry and strawberry preserves, with richer hints of chocolate shavings and soft, supple leather
Mouthfeel:	Smooth, round and soft, offering delicate fine tannins and balanced acidity
Vintage/Sourcing:	Primarily grown in estate vineyards throughout Russian River Valley, with the balance from Annapolis Ridge Vineyard in the West Sonoma Coast. Vintage 2023 offered exceptional fruit quality, concentrated flavor development, bright acidity and incredible balance thanks to a long, mild growing season and extended hang time for the grapes.
Winemaking Information:	Aged for nine months in 100% French oak barrels (23% new)
Food Pairings:	Extremely versatile, try this with mushroom and Gruyère toast points, Chinese five spice pork ribs, grilled salmon, chicken or steak, or a dark chocolate and cherry dessert
Varietal Content:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley (86% Russian River Valley estate vineyards, 14% Annapolis Ridge Vineyard, West Sonoma Coast)
Alcohol Content:	14.5%
Titrateable Acidity:	5.5g/L
pH:	3.60
Residual Sugar:	<0.5g/L

VINEYARD

HOPKINS VINEYARD

AVA

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

HARVEST DATE

09-26-2024

FINISHED PH

3.48

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6.00

ALCOHOL

14.1

OAK PROGRAM

All French or Hungarian, 20% New, 20% Once Filled Balance Neutral

CASES PRODUCED

110

2024 Pinot Meunier, Hopkins Vineyard

Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Vineyard Profile

Hopkins Vineyard in the Russian River Valley once again delivers a standout vintage with its 2024 Pinot Meunier. A cooler-than-average spring gave way to a temperate, well-paced summer, allowing for steady ripening and excellent

flavor development. The hallmark fog of the region rolled in reliably, moderating afternoon warmth and contributing to a longer hang time. Yields remained modest, but the quality of fruit was exceptional, with concentrated aromatics, balanced acidity, and classic varietal character.

Winemaker's Notes

The limited-production 2024 Pinot Meunier from Christina's Vineyard is a wine that rewards both curiosity and food pairing. Bright violet-red in color, it offers a lively and expressive aromatic profile. On the nose, ripe red cherries, cranberries, and wild strawberries are layered with hints of sweet spice, cedarwood, and a touch of vanilla.

On the palate, this wine is light to medium in body with the silky texture of Pinot Noir but with a brighter, spicy edge. Bursting with red fruit and warm baking spices—think cinnamon stick and clove—it finishes long, clean, and layered with subtle oak notes and lively acidity.

The 2024 Pinot Meunier is an excellent food wine and a must-try. It's a perfect bottle to bring to your next tasting or dinner party—easy to enjoy, versatile at the table, and a charming expression of this lesser-known varietal.

While drinking beautifully now, it will continue to evolve over the next 3–5 years, gradually revealing deeper notes of forest floor, leather, and wet stone with age.

ST. FRANCIS WINERY & VINEYARDS

Sonoma County Old Vines Zinfandel 2022

America / Sonoma County

The grapes in this “Old Vines” Zinfandel were planted 50 to more than 100 years ago. Many of these historic vines are planted on St. George rootstock and are head-pruned and dry-farmed, producing low yields of fruit with highly concentrated, intense flavors and aromas. The grapes are de-stemmed and crushed before cold-soaking for three days to extract optimal color and flavor. The fruit is inoculated with many yeast strains to build complexity, then fermented in separate lots using a combination of pump overs and delestage to soften tannins. Secondary malolactic fermentation occurs in French oak. The wine ages in barrel for sixteen months before final blending and bottling.

HARVEST NOTE

The 2022 growing season started with early spring rains followed by ideal weather through late summer. Harvest began on August 15 with white and early ripening red varieties showing bright acidity and mouth-watering freshness. In September a period of triple digit heat over several days pushed maturity on the vines, until a few days of rain provided a refreshing break and gave the later-ripening fruit some extra hang time to develop deep rich color, remarkable aromatics and exquisite flavors.

TASTING NOTE

Vibrant and tempting, this wine shows off rich aromas of blackberry, blueberry and warm spices layered with flavors of black raspberry, cherry pie, dried fig and graham cracker. A touch of acidity accents the spicy notes of cinnamon, clove and white pepper that emerge on the finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

GRAPES: 88% Zinfandel, 12% Petit Syrah

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ABV: 14.8%

AGING: 16 months in French oak 20% new

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- A classic old vines Zinfandel—fruit comes from 50- to 100-year-old vines
- Dry-farmed, producing low yields with highly concentrated, intense flavors and aromas
- Vineyards in Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley, Dry Creek Valley



"This Zinfandel showcases the rich fruit flavors and spicy finish that come from the historic old vines grown throughout our region."
Katie Madigan, Winemaker





HERZOG

SPECIAL RESERVE

MERLOT

ALEXANDER VALLEY | 2023

STYLE AND DESCRIPTION

This Alexander Valley Special Reserve Merlot displays notes of cranberry, ripe strawberry, blueberry and dusty loam. Hint of caramel and toffee combine with fine, elegant tannins in a long and satisfying finish.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Destemming and crushing to fermentor and cold soak. Inoculated and then fermented at between 87° F - 91° F. Remontage twice daily. Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel; elevation in new, small (225L) oak barrels.

HARVEST ANALYSIS

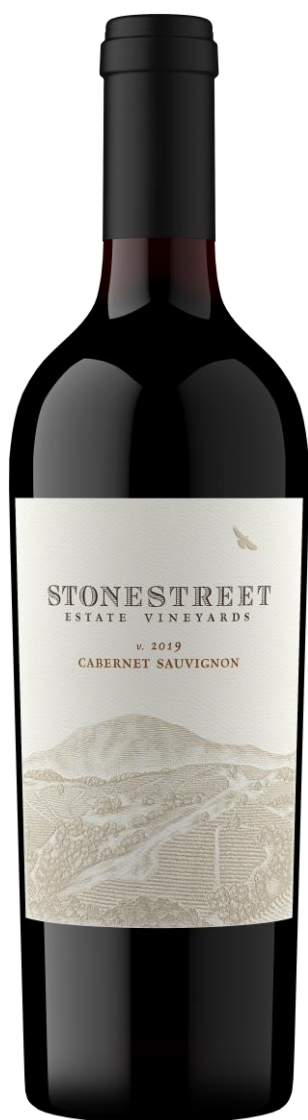
ABV	pH	TA (g/L)	RS
14.5%	3.69	5.80	<2 g/L Dry

2019

ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

As a blend of our best Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard sites, the Estate bottling is one of the most compelling illustrations of the Stonestreet Mountain. We blend this wine with discerning precision, balancing aromatic intrigue, texture and the Mayacamas' signature structural elements into a pure reflection of the vintage. The 2019 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon starts out with fresh red and dark fruit aromas pomegranate and wild blackberry with notes of graphite and bay laurel undertones. As the wine opens in the glass, deep fruit flavors of plum skin and cranberry alongside bright cocoa dance on the palate. The mouthfeel is rich and inviting, framed with fine grain tannins, that support the fresh and vibrant finish. Cellar or enjoy now!



OVERVIEW

- American Viticulture Area (AVA): Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
- Mountain Range: Mayacamas Mountains
- Region: California's North Coast
- Elevation: 400 - 2,400 feet
- Vineyard Location: 76 miles north of San Francisco, 23 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, 8 miles north of Healdsburg

WINEMAKING DATA

- Composition: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot, .5% Merlot and .5% Malbec
- Fermentation: Hand-picked, destemmed, fermentation in French oak upright tanks. Malolactic fermentation in barrel.
- Barrel Aging: 18 months in 43% new French Oak
- Date of Bottling: July 2021
- Quantities Bottled: 5981 cases
- Alcohol: 14.5%
- TA: 0.63 g/100mL
- pH: 3.61

