



Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

VINTAGE

One of Napa's longest, most balanced growing seasons in over a decade, 2023 delivered exceptional quality. The weather was consistently mild throughout the season; crop yields were high and were able to hang on the vines longer for optimal ripeness. Winter rains recharged soils, setting up ideal conditions leading into bud break. Mild Summer temperatures and abundant sunshine supported healthy canopy growth through bloom and set, allowing for grape skins to ripen slowly and develop maximal dark red color components for red wines. Harvest began in late September for Cabernet Sauvignon and other red varieties and wrapped by mid-November. Expect wines from this vintage show deep color, ripe tannins, and age-worthy balance.

VITICULTURE

Fruit used to craft this full-bodied Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from exceptional growers throughout the valley, combining mountain intensity with valley floor approachability. The result is a balanced blend that highlights the depth, structure, and elegance of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

- *Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley*: Home to our estate winery, this moderate-to-cool region benefits from lingering morning fog and afternoon breezes that maintain slightly cooler temperatures than up-valley. Cabernet from Oak Knoll offers richness and depth of flavor without overwhelming tannins.
- *Calistoga & St. Helena*: Northern valley sites contribute ripe, fruit-forward notes and balanced acidity.
- *Rutherford*: A warmer region located at the widest part of the valley enjoys abundant sunshine, producing phenolically ripe wines with fine-grained tannins and dense flavors of black cherry and espresso.
- *Stags Leap District & Coombsville*: Cooler sites influenced by the San Pablo Bay bring a velvety texture and lushness balanced by firm acidity and freshness.
- *Mountain Appellations (Howell Mountain, Mt. Veeder, Diamond Mountain, Atlas Peak)*: High-elevation vineyards add intensity and firm tannins that enhance the structure, color and concentration of the final blend.

WINEMAKING

A careful pursuit of perfection underlies each step taken to craft this Cabernet Sauvignon. Grapes from each vineyard were fermented separately, allowing its unique character to emerge. Fruit from hillside vineyards lent structure and firm tannins, while grapes from lower elevations contributed opulence and depth. A rigorous barrel program matches each lot to the type of oak best suited to enhance it. Lots for the 2023 vintage matured in a blend of French, American and Hungarian oak barrels, 35% of them new, each chosen for its ability to impart a subtle range of intriguing flavors. Following malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged for 18 months and evaluated through a blind tasting process. The final blend, shaped by multiple trials, incorporates a touch of Petite Sirah and Syrah, enriching the mid-palate and lending additional layers to the wine's balanced, harmonious structure.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon from Black Stallion Estate Winery captures the essence of Napa Valley's remarkably balanced growing season. A long, temperate year allowed the fruit to achieve exceptional depth and purity, yielding a wine of both richness and poise. Enticing aromas of blackberry, black currant, cedar, and espresso lead to a palate brimming with ripe black cherry and dark fruit, framed by fine-grained tannins and a vibrant freshness. Full-bodied yet remarkably approachable, this vintage offers a harmonious interplay of intensity and elegance. The finish is generous and long – an eloquent expression of balance, structure, and finesse that has become synonymous with Napa Valley's finest Cabernets.

VINTAGE: 2023 • APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 90% *Cabernet Sauvignon*, 5% *Petite Sirah*, 3% *Syrah*, 2% *Other*

FERMENTATION: 100% *Malolactic Fermentation*

OAK TREATMENT: *Aged 18 months in a blend of French (82%), American (13%), and Hungarian (5%) oak barrels.*

PH: 3.72 g • TOTAL ACID: 0.55 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 14.5% • RS: 0.220 g/100ml



2023 NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

