CHATEAU ST JEAN

8555

2023 RESERVE CUVÉE | SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

First offered in 1999, this red blend is a tribute to our Sonoma Valley home, and the label is actually our address on the Sonoma Highway. Our long history in Sonoma County is reflected here, with each vintage allowing for a blend which is both a tribute to the vintage and the varied growing regions within Sonoma County. Exceptional Reserve lots that showcase the terroir of each region are carefully selected, aged separately and then assembled into a master blend allowed to rest and gain complexity prior to bottling.

VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season graced us with the slowest start in the last decade. A rainy winter set the vines up for vigorous spring growth, a larger crop, and a longer ripening season. Red and white varietals ripened simultaneously leading to a late, compressed harvest. The crop was bountiful and the quality outstanding.

WINEMAKING

This Bordeaux-based cuvée is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon (62%), Cabernet Franc (12%), Malbec (9%), Merlot (8%), Syrah (6%), and Petit Verdot (3%). This blend is a true representation of the artistry of winemaking, deeply layered and intentional. The wine was aged for 18 months in French and American oak barrels prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Each offering of this unique reserve blend shows a distinct personality, influenced by the selection of varietals, growing region and vintage. The 2023 Chateau St. Jean 8555 Cuvée is a masterclass in depth, presenting an expressive and layered aromatic profile that features black currant, blackberry, and black cherry, accented by elegant notes of violet and crushed graphite. On the palate, this medium-plus to full-bodied wine delivers focused dark fruit—highlighting ripe berries, cherries, and plum—delivered through a fleshy and supple mouthfeel. Complex nuances of spice and savory notes emerge mid-palate, all supported by a structured backbone of fine-grained, firm tannins that provide a polished and sophisticated finish.

2023

APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, 8% Merlot, 6% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot
OAK	75% French and 25% American oak, 67% new
AGING	18 months
ALCOHOL	14.4%
T.A.	5.7 g/L
pH	3.62