

# DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

## 2023 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

At Duckhorn Vineyards, we have been working with Napa Valley Cabernet Franc for over a quarter century, exploring its ability to add elegance and complexity to our blends and its capacity to produce stand-alone wines of stature and sophistication. Incorporating valley floor fruit with an emphasis on older vines, low yields and warmer vineyards, our Cabernet Franc offers beautiful varietal notes of dark cherry, raspberry and red currant with hints of tobacco leaf and graphite.

### VINTAGE NOTES

In 2023, heavy winter and spring rains delayed budbreak and set the stage for one of the latest vintages in decades. Cooler spring temperatures led to an extended flowering period with our team applying post-veraison thinning to achieve a balanced crop. As the season progressed, temperatures remained below average, which provided additional hangtime but required extra patience. Our patience paid off, with 2023 offering one of our most unique and rewarding vintages to date! Semillon harvest began on August 28th with Sauvignon Blanc soon following. With no significant heat events, the grapes were able to ripen beautifully. Harvest concluded on November 9th with Cabernet Sauvignon from Oak Knoll and Howell Mountain. Our 2023 whites are crisp, with ideal flavor development and bright acids, and the reds are pure, supple and balanced, with vibrant acidity, fresh flavors, and intense colors.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Aromatic layers of blackberry, sweet jam, and violet rise alongside notes of roasted coffee, cocoa powder, and vanilla, with subtle bramble adding depth. The palate is dense and richly textured, offering complex layers supported by well-structured tannins that provide an age-worthy foundation. Sweet, plush fruit carries through the mid-palate, while buoyant acidity lifts the finish, leaving a long and inviting impression.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	35% Patzimaro Vineyard, 31% Three Palms Vineyard, 30% Corktree Vineyard, 3% Stout Vineyard, 1% Monitor Ledge Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Estate fruit 97% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 16 months in 100% French oak 50% new, 50% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.72
ACIDITY	0.54 g/100 ml



### THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO