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Hudson Vineyard Merlot

Napa Valley

2023

Vineyard Story



This historic vineyard was one of the earliest vineyards planted in Carneros in the late 1830s. Tucked into the rolling hills of Carneros, north of the two-lane “Carneros Highway” connecting Sonoma and Napa, is a mosaic of vineyard blocks planted and fastidiously farmed by Lee Hudson.

Winemakers Notes



Brooding and elegant, the nose reveals graphite, dried fig, flaky pie crust, and dried rose petal. The palate is rich and expansive, layering dark chocolate and plum with notes of blueberry and date. Broad, structured tannins give the wine weight and persistence, carrying through to a deep, lingering finish.

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Vintage Notes



The 2023 vintage was exceptional. Harvest began late, running anywhere from two weeks to a full month behind what has become “normal timing”. Plentiful winter rains revitalized the soils and encouraged healthy canopies while cooler temperatures across Napa and Sonoma in spring and summer allowed grapes to develop gradually, enjoying extra ripening time. Many varieties reached maturity simultaneously, leading to a compressed harvest. Our first fruit arrived to the winery on September 11th, with the last pick happening on November 3rd. This vintage produced wines with beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity and remarkable balance.

Pairing Insights



B Cellars Executive Chef Derick Kuntz loves pairing food with Merlot. He suggests pairing it with Herb Roasted Lamb Chops with a Huckleberry Gastrique. Serve with Roasted Marble Potatoes on the side to complete the dish. The herbs will bring out the earthiness in the wine while the gastrique amplifies the dark fruit profile.