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2023 ALEXANDER VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BLEND: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot

AGING: 10 Months in American and French Oak

ALCOHOL: 14.5% By Vol.

pH: 3.75 **ACIDITY:** 5.5 g/mL **RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 5 g/L

FOOD PAIRINGS: Rib-eye, Filet Mignon and Lamb Rack.

ACCOLADES: 93 POINTS
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VINIFICATION & MATURATION: Harvested at optimal ripeness, the grapes were meticulously sorted and destemmed to ensure only the highest quality fruit was used. The fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks, where temperature control was rigorously managed to maximize flavor and color extraction while preserving the fruit's natural integrity. Following fermentation, the wine was aged in French oak barrels to integrate and soften the tannins and to impart layers of vanilla, spice, and subtle smoky notes. This oak aging process was carefully monitored to ensure that the oak flavors complemented rather than overwhelmed the natural fruit and terroir expressions. The result is a well-structured and balanced Cabernet Sauvignon with a depth of flavor and an elegant finish, showcasing the best of Alexander Valley's winemaking potential.

WINE NOTES: Displaying a deep, rich garnet color, signaling the depth of flavor that awaits. On the nose, this Cabernet offers an enticing blend of dark fruits, with blackberry and cassis taking center stage, complemented by elegant notes of cedar and tobacco, and a hint of bell pepper, adding complexity. The palate is full-bodied and rich, with a velvety texture that envelops the mouth. Layers of ripe black cherry and plum are balanced by a firm tannic structure and a subtle earthiness, which is enhanced by the judicious use of French oak aging. This contributes nuances of vanilla and a slight smokiness that linger into the long, satisfying finish. This Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a powerful yet graceful wine, ideal for pairing with hearty meat dishes like grilled steak or braised short ribs, and is sure to age beautifully over the next decade.



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