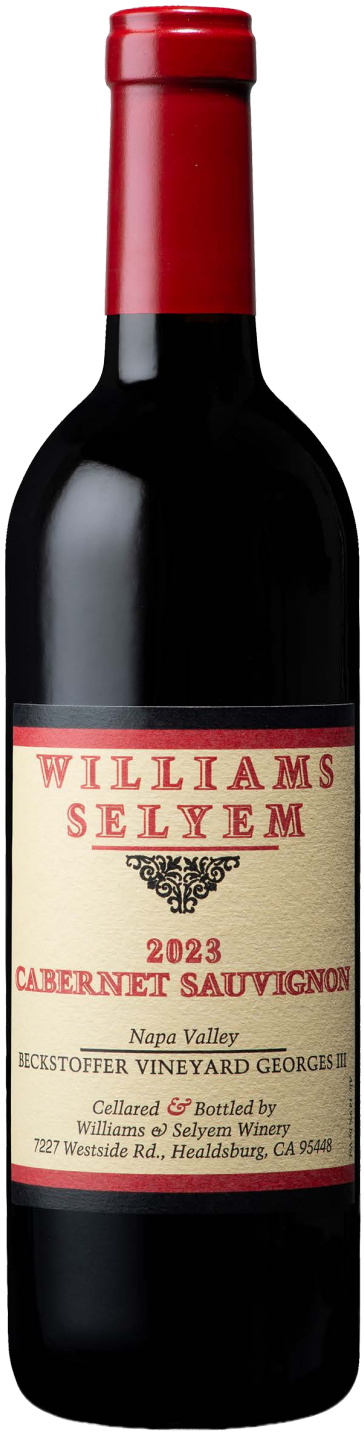
WILLIAMS SELYEM

2023 Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon



WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Opaque and dense, the wine showcases the opulence of Cabernet Sauvignon from the storied Georges III site in the Rutherford district. Hints of purple flowers, red fruits, and boysenberry belie the earthy and chocolatey aromatics. The wine is fresh and vibrant on the nose with notes of cedar and citrus adding intrigue. Lively and refreshing, the wine bursts with flavors of mocha and blackberry that completely saturate the mid-palate. Note the Rutherford signature of earthy and soil-inflected undertones that are wrapped up in elegant and polished tannins.

HARVEST 2023

We experienced a welcome sense of normality in 2023, after tumultuous weather patterns during previous growing seasons, including drought conditions, heat events, and hail. This vintage began auspiciously with historical average rainfall and modest temperatures at the start of bud break. Ample sunshine and early heat resulted in even growth of the canopies, creating uniformity and balance as the vines entered the flowering cycle. While it was similarly cool at the outset of 2011, the 2023 heat units built slowly, and the weather was ideal by May. The flowering period was quick, and the fruit set bountiful. The weather was perfect in June and July, with a few heat spikes that kept the plants healthy and sustained. Mid-season crop adjustments were necessary to ensure good vine balance as veraison approached. With the cooler start to the vintage and the normal fog pattern of August, the ripening cycle slowed, and the crop achieved ideal hang time for tannin development at modest sugars. Across the board, the wines exhibit terrific purity of character with excellent tannin resolution. While hot and dry years can create wines of shocking intensity, these cooler vintages showcase the elegant style of Williams Selyem.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% New
Barrel Aged: 19 months
pH: 3.66
TA: 0.57g/100mL
Alc: 14.9%
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