



2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

ARIL is a family-owned winery founded in 2008 by Harmon and Joanne Brown. Ten years later, the Jay family bought the brand. They were inspired to produce small batches of premium, hand-crafted wines based on their experience working with and drinking some great classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon made by their friend and mentor, Tony Soter, founder and winegrower of Etude Wines. In fact, “aril” is the seed of the pomegranate fruit. In 2018, veteran winemaker Richard Bruno joined Aril, bringing deep expertise and a reputation for creating elegant, site-driven wines. He continued the foundation established by renowned winemaker and viticulturist Ehren Jordan (Failla/Turley), founding winemaker Nate Weis (Silver Oak), and viticulturist Mike Wolf (Beckstoffer). We follow a simple philosophy: procure the best grapes or orphan barrels, and respect them in the winery. A minimalist approach that highlights each AVA, emphasizing place, balance, and elegance.

Winemaking Notes

Cabernet Sauvignon

50% new French oak barrels for 22 months

501 cases produced

Alc.: 14.5%

Winemaker: Richard Bruno

Vintage

The 2023 vintage in Napa Valley has been hailed by winemakers as potentially the vintage of a lifetime. Heavy winter rains of over 50 inches saturated soils, providing ideal conditions heading into budbreak. The growing season was one of the longest and coolest in decades, with mild summer temperatures averaging 72-75 degrees and foggy mornings extending hang time significantly. June saw the coldest average temperatures since 1998, delaying bloom and veraison by two weeks. Harvest kicked off around Labor Day, with Cabernet Sauvignon picked from late September through mid-November. The extended season allowed for optimal flavor development and phenolic ripeness. Winemakers describe the wines as having exceptional freshness, purity, and elegance, with deep color and remarkable balance—a classical vintage showcasing finesse over power.

Tasting Notes

Our 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon embodies the elegance and classical character of this exceptional vintage from the heart of Napa Valley. Its deep garnet appearance with violet highlights foreshadows the intensity that awaits. The nose reveals layers of dark fruit, with blackcurrant and blackberry leading the charge, accompanied by hints of violet and cedar. On the palate, it commands attention with its balanced structure and flavors of black cherry, plum, and dark chocolate. The tannins are clearly Napa in their presence but remarkably refined, weaving seamlessly through the wine's elegant frame. Toasted oak and a touch of wild chaparral add complexity and depth. The finish is long and graceful, leaving a lasting impression of both power and finesse. This bottle will age beautifully for the next 3 - 5 - 10 years.