TOWNSEND

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2023



Origin: Estate grown, Atlas Peak District of Napa Valley

Vintage: 2023

Blend: 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.2%

Tasting Notes: Offers seductive aromas of black cherry, raspberry and boysenberry. The palate is precise and focused with tremendous depth and intensity. Flavors of black currant, bittersweet chocolate, and steeped blackberry linger on the palate. This wine will evolve generously for years to come.

Vintage Notes

The 2023 vintage was one of the coolest, longest growing seasons in Napa Valley in over a decade. Substantial winter rainfall – 44 inches in our vineyards – replenished the soil for healthy vine growth.

Bud break occurred later than usual, reducing spring frost risk, and ideal temperatures during berry set contributed to uniform and healthy clusters. Cooler weather throughout the growing season allowed the grapes to ripen slowly, thus maximizing flavors.

Vineyard

Townsend is a 24-acre vineyard located high on a west-facing ridgeline overlooking the steep-sided Rector Canyon that empties into Napa Valley below. It is named after our neighbor, June Townsend, who sold her land to the Antinori Family in 1998. Townsend was planted in 1999 and 2000, and swiftly proved to be one of the best vineyard sites on the Antinori wine estate.

The mountainside estate vineyard was planted based on Antinori's philosophy for planting new vineyards in Tuscany, with high vine density per acre allowing low production of fruit per vine and row direction aligned for ideal sun exposure.

The 2023 Townsend is made from 83% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17% Cabernet Franc, which created a wine of precision, balancing generous fruit and fine-textured tannins with freshness and lift while emphasizing structure and elegance.

Vinification

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes were harvested on October 5 and the Cabernet Franc followed one day later. The grapes were picked during the cool, early morning hours and immediately transported to the estate winery.

After destemming and optical sorting, the whole berries were transferred to conical four-ton fermentation tanks. Each vineyard section was fermented individually to preserve its distinctive characteristics. Following a three-day cold soak, the tanks were warmed, and fermentation commenced. Cap management was performed using our pneumatic punch-down system.

After 12 to 15 days of contact with the skins, the new wine was separated from the skins and racked into 100% new French oak barrels to undergo complete malolactic fermentation. Taransaud is the primary cooperage used to age the 2023 Townsend. The wine aged in barrel for 20 months, after which each barrel was tasted to make the final selection for the Townsend blend.

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