

# The Portrait



87% Cabernet Sauvignon 7.5% Cabernet Franc  
3.5% Petit Verdot 1.25% Malbec 0.75% Merlot

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## VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season was so ideal it will be forgotten, yet we'll rediscover its depth, structure, and finesse for decades. This vintage is a confrontation to fashion and a reaffirmation of our ability to produce classic wines of mythical proportions, confirming our role as stewards of a cultural legacy.

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## TASTING NOTES

A hugely sexy & multi-dimensional, albeit remarkably dark nose of creme de cassis, bitter chocolate & black cherry preserves with new leather, cigar box & pulverized rock twisting & turning around each other, at times showing some pressed flowers, grilled herbs, at others camphor, sweet olive tapenade, & pencil lead. It is rich & inviting, but suggests a more savory disposition over a sweet one.

Typical of the vintage, the tannins are firm, with a rocky sort of minerality that intersects the clean, almost refreshing acid without a detectable delineation. The texture is plush, but not thick, & has the effect of enhancing the perception of fruit ripeness & intensity without feeling sugary - quite an impressive trick. It is long & planar, driving in finely stacked layers for what feels like almost minutes, flavors rotating & blending between dark fruit crumble, baking spices & earth. It is a rare case of having early accessibility & long-term excellence, & one that we hope to see again!

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Fermentation: Avg. 19 days on  
skins in stainless steel tank



Eléage: Aged 21 months  
in 47% new French oak

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