



2023 CEANDA CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Composition: 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Verdot,
2% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Dates: September 29 – October 19, 2023

Barrel Age: 75% new, 100% French

Cooperage: Taransaud, Baron, Ermitage, Artisan

Bottling Date: July 23, 2025

Release Date: Fall 2025

Cases Produced: 773

THE VINEYARD The CEANDA Cabernet Sauvignon is a symbolic representation of the passion and dedication that Chuck and Anne McMinn have bestowed upon their prized vineyards. Both a blend of their vineyards, as well as their names, CEANDA stands tall as a beautiful new addition to the Vineyard 29 family.

THE VINTAGE Napa Valley saw approximately 40” of rainfall over the winter of 2022/2023. The 2023 grape growing season began two weeks later than the five year average as a result of the cooler and wetter than average winter and early spring. The vines had an ample amount of water without being oversaturated, shoot growth was steady, flowering and fruit set were also two weeks later than usual, and veraison did not take place in most vineyards until mid-August. Growers and winemakers, at that time, knew that they were in for a long, late harvest. Patience was the name of the game for the 2023 vintage. Early ripening varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc were mostly picked in early to mid-September (as opposed to late August) and the Cabernet harvest lasted until November 10th, a record for Vineyard 29! Mother Nature was extremely generous in 2023 as the weather stayed moderate and the sun kept shining, thus allowing the vines to slowly ripen their clusters. The yields were bountiful and the wines are extremely dark in color (reds), full of aromatics, opulent, rich and juicy. There is amazing acid structure and fully developed tannins across the board for the red varieties. The whites are fresh and delicious as well. The 2023 vintage will go down as one of the greatest, most unique vintages in quite some time.

THE WINE The 2023 CEANDA jumps from the glass with lifted aromatics of blackberry, red currant, and ripe plum, accented by violets, sweet vanilla, and graphite. On the palate, it offers a seamless balance between power and elegance—layers of cassis, dark cherry, and blueberry compote framed by velvety tannins and a vibrant line of acidity. Subtle notes of mocha, cedar, and tobacco leaf weave through the mid-palate, giving depth and sophistication. The finish is long and polished, lingering with flavors of dark chocolate, espresso, and savory earth tones. A graceful yet structured Cabernet that captures the essence of our estate vineyards, approachable in youth yet built to evolve beautifully over the next 15+ years.