

MAYACAMAS



2023 'RED WINE' – MT. VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

High on the slopes of Mount Veeder, Mayacamas Vineyards has been a source of legendary California wine since 1889. Since the 1950's the vinification and élevage of Mayacamas remains remarkably consistent and our continued commitment to employ classical techniques and tools is integral to the character of these wines. The mountain terroir at Mayacamas ranges from 1,800 to 2,400 feet in elevation and the estate spans 475 acres, only 50 of which are dedicated to vine.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 'Red Wine' shows aromatic depth and precision, with layered notes of black cherry, plum, and ripe cranberry. The fruit is lifted by accents of lavender and sarsaparilla, adding elegance, nuance and complexity. The palate is firm and focused, supported by firm texture and bright acidity.

WINEMAKING

The 2023 growing season saw ample winter and spring rains. Moderate weather and cool soil temperatures delayed bud-break and flowering by a few weeks. A warm summer without extreme heat carried through to harvest allowing for a slow, meticulous harvest cadence. Fruit for our red blend includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot from 15 distinct blocks. Harvest for this fruit started September 21 and finished October 18.

Our 2023 Red Blend is composed of Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Cabernet Franc (21%) and Merlot (19%). Grapes were hand harvested, cluster sorted and destemmed on a block-by-block basis. Fermentation and maceration was completed in concrete (62%), stainless steel (35%) and neutral French oak 500L (3%) – with an average of 17 days on skins. The wines were aged a total of 21 Months in neutral oak – 12 months in neutral Foudre, 600L and 500L and 9 months in neutral French 225L barrel.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder
VARIETAL: Cabernet Sauvignon,
Cabernet Franc & Merlot
ALCOHOL: 14%

