VALRAVN

2023 sonoma county cabernet sauvignon

We've been making wine in Sonoma County for over ten years and, along the way, established a dynamic network of friends and colleagues, including vineyard owners, growers, and winemakers. While we successfully navigated and maneuvered our way through the négoce market in the past, Valravn represents the next evolutionary step for us. Because of those forged relationships and friendships, we have exclusive access to grapes from fantastic vineyards and the team to oversee hands-on production from vineyard to bottle. We are proud of our past achievements and excited to realize the culmination of a decade of learning and focus, bringing authentic wines to the table that we have found, seen, and touched at every step. Valravn wines are out of the gate, approachable, delicious, and table-ready.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The 2023 Valravn Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon with the supporting varieties Malbec, Merlot, Petite Verdot, and Cabernet Franc. The grapes hail from four sub-AVAs of Sonoma County — Dry Creek Valley (40%), Alexander Valley (30%), Moon Mountain (20%), and Knights Valley (10%). Combining varietals, elevations, aspects, climates, and soil types allows us to blend the components for a seamless composition.

In the cellar, hand-harvested and hand-sorted grapes undergo an extended cold soak followed by primary fermentation in stainless steel. Following primary fermentation, the wine is racked to French oak barrels (new, second-use, and neutral) for malolactic conversion and 16 months of aging. The barrel regimen is approximately 30% new oak, including Atelier, Sylvain, Taransaud, and Seguin Moreau cooperages.

TASTING NOTES

This wine bursts with flavors of boysenberry and blueberry extract, backed by a rich layer of dark chocolate. The fruit feels plush and inviting, balanced by compact tannins that give it just the right amount of structure. Smooth, flavorful, and indulgent, it finishes with an effortless elegance that keeps you coming back for another sip.