

2023 SEVEN APART BASALT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

242 CASES HANDCRAFTED BY WINEMAKER MORGAN MAURÈZE

VINEYARD

2023 growing season started off with plenty of winter rain and snow in the higher elevation sites, leaving the soils with lots of water for the coming season. Due to cooler springtime temperatures, budbreak was delayed by several weeks. The valley floor had very uniform flowering, creating nice full clusters. The higher elevation flowering was not as uniform, creating smaller clusters with lower yields and smaller berries. The overall summer temperatures were mild with no excessive heat waves with some rare sporadic light rainfall. This led to a later than normal harvest in the valley, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and perfectly, which is ideal for tannin development and slow sugar accumulation. The result is more balanced, generous wines that will impress with great depth and concentration creating a “Grand Vin de Garde” (Great Wine for cellaring).

AGING

Approachable upon releases. Recommend decanting for one hour. Cellaring 5-8 years will reward with a slightly developed bottle bouquet. Can age 35+ years.



TASTING NOTES

2023 Seven Apart Basalt is showing off how great the 2023 vintage is in Napa Valley and is an absolute delight for generations to come.

Visually, it has a deep ruby color. This wine welcomes you with warm soft aromas of dark summer berries such as black cherries, black berries, dark chocolate, molasses with a hint of bergamot, baking spices, and tobacco pipe. On the palate, this wine has soft yet very firm tannins that build to dense, complex, and layered midpalate and a very long-lasting lush finish with dry dusty tannins. It leaves you wanting one more sip from the glass with flavors of black liquorish, lavender, leather, and blueberry jam.

WINE MAKING

100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 72% New French Oak. The grapes are hand harvested at night to ensure that the grapes come in cold in order to minimize oxidation. The grapes are slowly fermented at cooler temperatures to help preserve aromas. With slightly shorter maceration to capture softer tannins. Once the initial fermentation is complete, the wine then goes through malolactic fermentation to soften and stabilize the wines. The wine is then racked off its lees and aged for 22 months in barrels before bottling.

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