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2023 RUTHERFORD
ALICE BLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON



93pts

Vineyard & Vintage

After years of extreme heat, 2023 was a welcome change. It was one of the coolest growing seasons in over a decade. Daytime highs were mostly in the 80s and low 90s, with just one day near 100°F. Persistent summer fog kept mornings cool, raising concerns about ripening. Fortunately, early fall brought warm, dry weather, allowing well-balanced vines to ripen evenly and beautifully. From the first barrel samples, it was obvious this vintage was special. After tasting Napa wines going back to the 1990s, I'd say 2023 is one of the most vibrant, elegant, and age-worthy vintages we've had in a long time.

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Tasting Notes

From the acclaimed 2023 vintage, the Alice Block Cabernet Sauvignon is a standout expression of Napa Valley. It opens with rich layers of ripe blackberry, cassis, and graphite, interwoven with seductive notes of mocha and dark chocolate. Complex, expressive, and lush, this wine beautifully captures the purity, elegance, and vibrancy of the 2023 vintage. With beautifully structured tannins and exceptional balance, it is built to evolve gracefully for decades.

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation: Rutherford AVA, Napa Valley
Alcohol Content: 14.7% ABV
Barrel Description: French oak, 60% new
Cellar Potential: 15-20 years
Winemaker: Paul Johnson