

# SMOKESCREEN

2023  
RED HILLS, LAKE COUNTY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



## VINEYARD

Red Hills earns its name from iron-rich, red lava soils - remnants of long-extinct volcanoes - interspersed with pockets of black, glassy obsidian. These well-drained soils absorb daytime heat, aiding ripening, while elevation and sloped terrain drive afternoon breezes that cool vines after midday warmth. Dramatic 50-degree day-night temperature swings extend hang time, preserving acidity and coaxing out complex, vibrant flavors ideal for black grape varieties like Cabernet

## TASTING NOTES

Powerful and dense, this Cabernet Sauvignon bursts with concentrated black fruits and dusty graphite flavors, framed by a distinctive, dark, and structured profile. Led by Cabernet from volcanic soils, Petit Verdot lends robust structure, while Malbec adds inky depth and bold tannins. Expressing both the ripeness of Red Hills' lower elevations and the intensity of its highest blocks, this wine delivers a commanding presence with a refined, lingering finish.

## WINEMAKING INFO

**VARIETAL:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec  
**APPELLATION:** 100% Red Hills, Lake County  
**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 14.5%  
**BARREL DESCRIPTION:** French Oak, 25% New  
**CELLAR POTENTIAL:** 10-15 years  
**WINEMAKER:** Paul Johnson