



2023 EISELE VINEYARD SYRAH

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

The 2023 season delivered a rare combination of climatic conditions particularly well-suited to Eisele Vineyard's Syrah. A cool, rain-rich winter restored soil moisture across the estate after three consecutive dry years, followed by a slow, measured growing cycle that brought out the best in both variety and site.

Our Syrah occupies one of the estate's most distinctive and climatically sheltered sites: a cool cuvette of deep, clay-rich soil that retains moisture evenly throughout the season. In 2023, the combination of the season's late start and no-till soil management produced well balanced canopies and small, concentrated berries, conditions under which this variety particularly thrives.

Cool conditions during bloom and fruit set promoted natural beneficial shatter, yielding loose, well-aerated clusters, further reducing crop load while intensifying flavor concentration. Given Syrah's sensitivity to heat accumulation and its tendency toward rapid sugar progression under warm conditions, the cool, measured pace of the 2023 season proved especially favorable for this site.

As a result of the season's slow progression, harvest occurred late, on September 21st and 25th, but still picked on the earlier side in terms of maturity to capture the variety at peak aromatic expression and retain the natural acidity critical for balance. Fruit arrived at the winery in exceptional condition, delivering the concentration, freshness, and structural clarity that this singular site is known for. Aged for 21 months in 38% new French and Austrian oak barrels, 45% once-used Austrian Foudre, and 17% amphora.

TASTING NOTES

The nose opens with gentle peony bud aromatics and a finely integrated reduction that brings depth and intrigue. With aeration, the bouquet unfolds into notes of black cherry with a kirsch-like lift, warm cherry clafoutis, and a delicate hint of vanilla. Floral and spicy nuances emerge, evoking jasmine tea, eucalyptus, rooibos, and cardamom. On the palate, the wine is silky and finely textured, supported by very powdery tannins that lend finesse and precision. Medium-bodied, it strikes a harmonious balance between freshness and ripeness. Subtle iron-like notes enhance its vibrant, energetic character. The finish is long and expansive, combining both volume and impressive persistence. A refined and expressive interpretation of Eisele Vineyard Syrah, defined by purity, energy, and elegance.

GRAPE SOURCE

The Eisele Vineyard grapes are certified 'Organic' by CCOF and 'Biodynamic' by Demeter.

100% Syrah

328 cases made

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