

BARNETT VINEYARDS  
*Spring Mountain District*  
NAPA VALLEY

**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**Spring Mountain District**  
**2023**

<b>Harvest Date:</b>	October 20 <sup>th</sup> , November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Grape Source:</b>	Spring Mountain District (York Creek, Barnett Vineyards). All Estate.
<b>Blend:</b>	81.8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10.6% Petit Verdot, 4.6% Merlot, 3.0% Cabernet Franc
<b>Aging:</b>	22 months in French Oak Barrels 65% new and 35% two to five years old
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.6%
<b>Total Production:</b>	65 Barrels
<b>Release Date:</b>	January 2026
<b>Winemaker:</b>	David Tate

**Vintage Notes:** After the hottest growing season on record, the 2022, mother nature decided to mix it up a bit with 2023 the coldest growing season on record. The beginning of the 2023 growing season started with prayers being answered, it rained a lot. Enough to end a four-year drought. The first half of the year was uncommonly cool for our area and although it was relatively warm in August and September it still ended up being the latest that we ever finished bringing in fruit in Barnetts 40-year history. The last fruit was picked November 20<sup>th</sup>. This long hang time leads to slow long development curve which to amazing grapes, and therefore amazing wine.

**Winemaker Notes:** The grapes were sourced from our estate and neighboring York Creek Vineyards, with the entire blend being solely from the Spring Mountain Appellation and all under estate control. As cool as it was the first grapes came in October 20<sup>th</sup>, stretching over weeks until the final block of Cabernet Sauvignon was ripe on November the 13<sup>th</sup>. Each block was kept separate and macerated between 13 to 16 days. Always with splash pump overs to add in the type of tannins desired. The wine was then aged separately for 22 months, the barrels being French oak and 65% new.

**Tasting Notes:** The beautiful dark purple 2023 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is an extremely profound wine. The aromatics are layered with blackcurrant, sage and vanilla. After the wine has been opened for a few moments' black cherry, cedar and anise begin to emerge. The wine is quite rich, with a silkiness on the palate. Flavors of coffee grounds and cocoa nibs are prevalent. The tannins are pleasantly chalky while the acidity is firm due to the cooler vintage. Pomegranate concentrate lingers on the finish. Drink young with a very hearty meal, however this wine is really meant to be aged for 15 years (2040). Those who do will be greatly rewarded.