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CABERNET SAUVIGNON · STAGS LEAP DISTRICT

2023 Hillside Select

Hillside Select is a wine of place—drawn from carefully selected blocks across our Stags Leap District hillside estate. The fruit, small and deeply colored, delivers remarkable concentration and depth. Through meticulous farming and extended aging in new French oak, the wine consistently expresses the voluptuous fruit, richness, and velvety texture that define Cabernet Sauvignon from this renowned Napa Valley region.

RELEASE DATE	September 1, 2026
VINEYARD LOCATIONS	100% hillside vineyards in Stags Leap District including Shafer's estate vineyard blocks Sunspot, John's Folly, Hitching Post, and Palisade.
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
BRIX AT HARVEST	24.0° – 26.0°
COOPERAGE	28 months in 100% new 60-gallon French oak barrels (Allier and Tronçais)
ALCOHOL	15.5%
DRINK WINDOW	2030 – 2055

2023 GROWING SEASON

The 2023 season unfolded as one of the longest and coolest in Napa Valley in more than a decade. Generous winter rainfall and a mild summer of warm days and cool nights allowed for extended hang time, with harvest arriving in late September. The result is a wine of bright color, refined structure, and pure, vibrant aromatics.

"One of the longest hang times I've ever seen on the hillside, and you can feel it in the wine. The 2023 Hillside Select has the depth, freshness, and structure that define this estate, but there's also an energy to it that makes it one of my favorite vintages to date. It's a wine that feels true to the vineyard and true to what Hillside Select has always been."

ELIAS FERNANDEZ, WINEMAKER