

Schrader

2023 TO KALON VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER:
THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

APPELLATION:
OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD:
TO KALON VINEYARD

CLONES:
15, 7, AND 685

COOPERAGE:
AGED IN 100% NEW
DARNAJOU AND TARANSAUD
FRENCH OAK BARRELS

ALCOHOL:
15.5% BY VOLUME

PROFILE

This Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from select clones—15, 7, and 685—each chosen for its renowned aging potential. The site benefits from abundant daytime sun and ideal daytime temperatures. At night, a cool marine fog rolls in, allowing the fruit to display its distinctive character. The result is a full-bodied wine with concentrated black and purple fruit notes, with elegant floral tones, spice nuances, a bright acidity, and firm, ripe tannins.

VINEYARD

To Kalon Vineyard was first planted in 1868 by viticultural and winemaking icon Hamilton Walker Crabb. It has long been regarded as the source of Napa Valley's finest Cabernet Sauvignon. Within the prime vineyard blocks, an alluvial fan provides excellent and varied mineral deposits, and the rich soils are filled with marine sediment that gives our wines their distinctive profiles. The vines receive full sun and optimal heat during the day and are cooled by marine fog at night. These conditions allow each block of Cabernet Sauvignon to showcase its unique clonal signature and capture the essence of terroir.

VINTAGE

2023 blessed us with what will surely become one of Schrader's most celebrated vintages. Napa Valley experienced its longest growing season in over a decade, with mild, consistent temperatures that allowed for extended hang time and generous yields. These ideal conditions fostered exceptional fruit development, producing wines of unprecedented depth, harmony, and structure. Winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown notes, "It should end up being one of the best vintages of Schrader we've ever bottled."

BARREL SAMPLE CRITICAL PRAISE

95-97 POINTS

"...aromas of dried herbs and spices, black cherries, and loamy earth. Full-bodied, with a texture somewhere between silky and velvety, it's also tannic and firm, with a hint of Mexican chocolate on the long finish."

— WINE ADVOCATE, 2.28.25