

2023 ARMORY / CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ICON SERIES

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage in Paso Robles, particularly within the Adelaide District, was defined by a dramatic shift from drought to one of the wettest and coolest growing seasons in recent memory and is widely regarded as one of the best vintages of the past two decades. A series of steady winter storms brought significant rainfall through early spring, replenishing soils and delaying budbreak and early vine development. The season remained unusually cool, with a late onset of heat, extending the growing cycle and slowing ripening across the region. Summer temperatures were moderate rather than extreme, allowing for gradual phenolic development, while the extended hang time carried harvest well into late September and October. This longer, more measured season resulted in wines with heightened freshness, refined structure, and a more precise expression of site.

PRODUCTION

This Cabernet is composed entirely of free run juice, resulting in a wine that is both refined and concentrated, with a full-bodied structure that preserves natural acidity and delicate aromatics. Each lot is processed through an optical sorting system, ensuring that only the highest quality berries are selected for fermentation. Throughout fermentation, temperatures are carefully managed with intentional fluctuations, allowing for enhanced color extraction while preserving freshness and aromatic precision. The wine is then aged in specifically selected new French oak barrels for 30 months, integrating structure and complexity while rounding the overall profile.

PALATE

The wine opens with rich, lifted aromatics that immediately rise from the glass, driven by rich dark fruit character and layered intensity. Subtle cooler vintage influence reveals itself through delicate green spice and savory herbal notes, adding complexity and lift. On the palate, the wine is full bodied yet composed, with a soft, enveloping texture that moves seamlessly across a well-structured frame. The mid palate is generous and complete, leading into a long, persistent finish. Built with intention for extended aging, this Cabernet balances depth and power with precision, allowing its structure to evolve gracefully over time.

APPELLATION: ADELAIDA DISTRICT

VINTAGE: 2023

GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PRODUCTION: 450 CASES

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

TA: 5.9 G/L

PH: 3.58

RS: 0.74 G/L

