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2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Leonardini Vineyard
St. Helena, Napa Valley

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley, presents its fourth bottling of Leornardini St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon. Building upon its experience with its home property on Diamond Mountain in the valley's western Mayacamas Range, this bottling represents the Davies team's effort with this famed mid-valley appellation. Second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, Head Winemaker Sean Thompson and Consultant Celia Welch have collaborated well together since 2008 in crafting Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, and they are very proud to present this unique vineyard-designate bottling from the 2023 vintage.

Approximately 20 miles north of the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays, and nestled between the Mayacamas and Vaca Mountain ranges, lies appellation St. Helena. The hourglass shape of this appellation's geography, and its distance from the cool waters of the Bay and the Pacific Ocean, set this historic location apart from any other growing region. Vineyards are located on ancient alluvial fans, that sweep toward the Napa River. Consistent heat is locked in during the day and is amplified by the hillsides; at night, that same slender width funnels moderating breezes to dramatically cool the vines, sometimes by as much as 40 to 50 degrees. This extreme shift in temperature helps the fruit retain ideal balance and acidity.

The Leonardini Vineyard was first planted to grapes in the late 1800's when the Lewelling Family settled on a large tract of land on the southern outskirts of St. Helena. The old-time farmers of the area said that the soil, Cortina Gravely Loam, in particular, was renowned for "black" wine grapes. However, the quality of the harvests varied greatly depending on seasonal rainfall due to the fast draining soils. This wine is crafted from three distinct blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon, creating depth of color and flavor.

The 2023 Napa Valley vintage is being hailed as one of the best in recent memory. After multiple years of drought, we finally had generous winter rainfall followed by a long, mild growing season. The cooler summer allowed for extended hang time and a much later-than-usual harvest. Higher than average yields resulted in vibrant, fresh, and elegant wines.



Tasting Notes

"Our 2023 'Leonardini Vineyard' Cabernet Sauvignon leads with aromas of black raspberry and Italian plum, layered with notes of tobacco, a subtle hint of licorice, and forest floor. On the palate, flavors of black currant and fresh cherry take center stage, lifted by a touch of citrus oil. Hints of espresso bean emerge through the finish, where lingering sandy tannins provide structure."

- Winemakers JP Pierce, Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga and Hugh Davies
- Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvingon
Appellation:	St. Helena, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Leonardini Vineyard
Barrel Aging:	22 months in 63% new French oak
Coopers:	Orion, Ermitage, Damy, Vicard
Alcohol:	14.3%
TA:	0.58 g/100 mL
pH:	3.85
Harvest Dates:	October 14 - October 24, 2023
Bottling Date:	August 27, 2025
Release Date:	October 1, 2026
Cases Produced:	375 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	$130
Available Format:	750 mL

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