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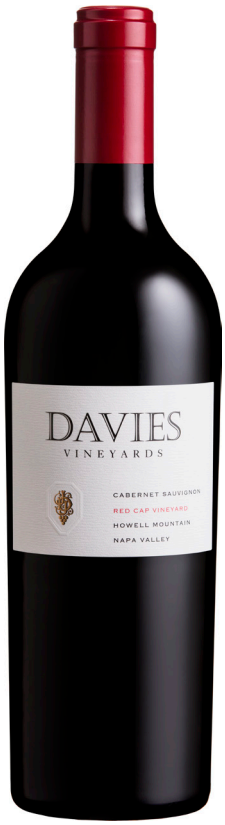
2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Red Cap Vineyard
Howell Mountain, Napa Valley

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley, presents its tenth bottling of the Red Cap Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from the Howell Mountain District. 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 the valley's eastern Vaca Range. 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.

Red Cap Vineyard, planted in 2003 and farmed sustainably by the Altemus family, is located near the summit of Howell Mountain at an elevation of 1,900 feet. At this location, the Aiken loam and red rocky volcanic soils provide great root support and drainage. These mountain soils produce smaller berries with higher skin to juice ratio, deepening the color of the wine while increasing tannins. Howell Mountain is known for powerful tannins, however our winemaking team skillfully extracts just enough to produce a wine with rounded and balanced structure. Red Cap's position above the fog line affords it a broad temperature range throughout the day. When compared to the valley floor, evening temperatures are warmer and daytime temperatures are cooler, which supports greater acid retention within the grapes. This combination of soil and environmental conditions leads to an extraordinary site for growing delicious Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 Davies Vineyards 'Red Cap Vineyard' Cabernet Sauvignon entices the nose with aromas of black cherry, blackberry, and rhubarb, layered with notes of fresh mint, anise seed, and a dusting of espresso powder. On the palate, a lively, juicy entry reveals flavors of blueberry and plum, carrying through to a finish marked by dried herbs, almond skin, and chewy mountain tannins."

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

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvingon
Appellation:	Howell Mountain, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Red Cap Vineyard
Barrel Aging:	22 months in 75% new French oak
Coopers:	Vicard, Atelier, Orion
Alcohol:	14.5%
TA:	0.52 g/100 mL
pH:	3.88
Harvest Dates:	October 12 - November 1, 2023
Bottling Date:	August 27, 2025
Release Date:	October 1, 2026
Cases Produced:	150 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	$130
Available Format:	750 mL

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