

La Storia
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CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SONOMA COUNTY

2023



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 Vintage was one of the coolest and latest vintages I've seen in the last two decades. The rain was much needed and with more than 55 inches was double than normal and helped replenish the reservoirs and nourish the vines. In February the temperatures dropped below freezing and we had snow on the valley floor! The precipitation also brought extra canopy growth and led to 5% to 15% higher yields for most varieties. Our viticulture team was diligent in thinning and doing crop adjustments where necessary. This was key to achieving a balanced crop and promoting ripening in a very late year. Overall, the entire season was late from bud break through veraison and finally ripening and harvest. As a result of the long and slow ripening the 2023 vintage wines are deeply flavorful, beautifully colored, dense and concentrated with moderate alcohol. The tannin, structure and acidity of these wines resembles some of the best European vintages. The 2023 vintage will be most likely one of the most memorable and age-worthy we had in a long time.

The 2023 Vintage of La Storia Cab has two new blocks included in the blend-the family-owned blocks that were a long-term lease to Francis Coppola Winery. The grapes for our 2023 Cabernet were harvested between October 10th and October 26th, about 20 days later than average. After destemming and cold soaking for 3 days the grapes were fermented using native and "designer" yeast for an average of 10 days. Post fermentation all three lots were put through extended maceration for an average of 35 days. The wine was aged for 18 months in 19% new and 15% one year old French Oak barrels and the rest in neutral oak barrels.

Our 2023 La Storia Cab has an attractive dark red, followed by abundant varietal aromas and flavors of blueberries, blackberry, and dark plums. The French oak aging contributes aromas of maple, cocoa dust and slight toast. The mouth feel is fresh, medium to dense and juicy with balanced acidity and firm and ripe tannins. Although very drinkable now, this wine will continue to improve for 5-7 years for those who have the patience. Cheers!

Winemaker-Miro Tcholakov

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL

76% Cabernet Sauvignon
17% Merlot
3% Malbec
2% Sangiovese
1% Montepulciano
1% Carignane

APPELLATION

Alexander Valley

WINEMAKER

Miro Tcholakov

PRODUCTION

5690 Cases

BOTTLED

April 2024

RELEASE DATE

November 2025

DIETARY NOTES

Vegan

AGING

Aged for 18 months in
18% new and 15% one
year old French barrels,
the rest in older barrels

ALCOHOL

14.5%

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.3%

pH

3.76

TOTAL ACID

5.9 g/L