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2023 “Windy Flats” Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 175 cases
Composition: 99% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Petite Sirah
Vineyard: Windy Flats
Cooperage: 18 months in 57% new French oak barrels
Alcohol: 14.5%, TA 6.0, pH 3.71
Bottling date: June 16, 2025
Release date: Fall 2026
Release price: $130.00

The Hill Family owns a remarkable vineyard carved out of the western wall of Wooden Valley. The steep hills and rocky soils make the Cabernet Sauvignon work hard to produce fruit each year, but the reward is this rich and intense wine. Wind and fog pour down over the vineyard from Napa, concentrating the flavors. Wine that is made from a single vineyard site is uniquely expressive of the factors that create its depth and structure. 2023 was a long cool season with just enough warmth at the very end to mature the fruit, even on north facing slopes at Windy Flats.

Winemaker Kari Auringer’s tasting notes:

This is a vineyard that always leaves its distinctive imprint on the aroma, flavor and texture of the grapes grown there. There is no mistaking Cabernet Sauvignon from Windy Flats. Always dark and inky in color, with intense aromas popping out of the glass. Complex and layered, the classic Cabernet notes of cassis black currant, blackberry, black cherry, and plum push forward. The full bodied, structured mouthfeel provides a strong backbone that will soften with just a little bit of time.