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VINE HILL RANCH VINEYARD

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2024

VINEYARD The Phillips family has represented the best of the Napa Valley grape-growing community for three generations. Their Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard is a special part of Tor's 50-year history in the Napa Valley. He knew its early stewards, Bob and Alex Phillips, who moved to their family's Oakville vineyard in 1978. Over time, they cultivated it into the world-renowned site it is today – best suited for Cabernet Sauvignon. We now work with their son, Bruce Phillips, where we have two blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon. The Phillips family's love and dedication to the land are inspirational.

WINEMAKING Our 2024 Vine Hill Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon is a co-fermentation of Blocks 4 and 7—two distinct, gravelly parcels whose fruit once again came together in perfect harmony. The wine spent 19 days fermenting on the skins before being gently basket pressed. It then matured for 20 months in French oak barrels (80% new) from Taransaud and Sylvain, two coopers chosen specifically to complement Vine Hill Ranch's distinctive and beguiling character. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered, it preserves maximum mouthfeel, structure, and texture.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES "Showcasing the darkest profile from this vineyard since 2018, the 2024 Vine Hill Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon leads with powerful aromatics of dark smoked meats, ripe blackberries, and crushed graphite. Full-bodied and remarkably rich, the palate is balanced by vibrant, fresh acidity that lifts layers of dark chocolate, blood orange, anise, dark plum, and fresh rosemary. Though crafted without Petit Verdot this vintage, it carries a remarkably similar profile—delivering intense, concentrated blue and black fruit supported by a striking, muscular structure." –Jeff Ames

TOR'S NOTE ON THE VINTAGE 2024 shoots pushed in early spring with vigor due to excellent groundwater and warm conditions, forming healthy canopies. Before veraison, in June and into July, Napa experienced two short heat spikes which accelerated ripening. It was an early start for the vineyards, and an early harvest for the winemakers, a bit fast and furious toward the end, but overall one we all fondly look back on as special. The wines have great color, extract, layers of flavor, excellent #s (PH/TA/dry extract/etc.). 2024 is reminiscent of some of the great vintages of the past, like 1987 and 1991, that have aged extremely well.

