

QUINTESSA

A vintage of balance and clarity

Quintessa 2023



VINTAGE NOTES

After three years of drought, the winter of 2023 gifted us with copious rain. It replenished the lake and deeply saturated the vineyard soils. These reserves provided the foundation for a strong growing season.

Cool and wet conditions in early spring delayed bud break by two to three weeks. This unhurried cadence set the tone for the entire vintage. The clusters ripened slowly throughout a mild summer. Harvest began on September 22nd with Merlot in the Las Casas block and concluded on October 30th in our Bench block.

The 2023 Quintessa is a wine of remarkable balance and clarity. Lifted aromatics, bright acidity, and fine, precise tannins are all markers of the long growing season. The wine is harmonious and poised: an elegant tribute to nature's equilibrium.

WINE NOTES

The 2023 Quintessa opens with aromas of fresh cassis and violets, layered with notes of tobacco leaf and subtle herbs. The palate reveals a purity of fruit which is enhanced by depth and structure. Dense yet lithe, it carries the classic Quintessa texture and a long, graceful finish.

Vibrant and complex, 2023 Quintessa captures all the nuances of its exceptional growing season.

APPELLATION:

Rutherford, Napa Valley

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BOTTLING DATE:

July 2025

BARREL AGING:

22 Months

OAK:

60% New French Oak, 37% Neutral,
3% Terracotta Amphora

HARVEST:

September 22 – October 30, 2023

VARIETIES:

90% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Cabernet Franc

2% Carménère

2% Merlot

1% Petit Verdot

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Notable Recognition

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"Pure-fruited, with ripe cassis and blackberry notes, salted dark chocolate, and a full-bodied personality, radiant with exotic floral notes of hibiscus and red rose, with a touch of dried sage and rosemary that adds further complexity. Incredibly elegant and built for long-term cellaring."

99 points

JONATHAN CRISTALDI, DECANTER, June 2026

"Luscious dark fruit that's soft and supple. Aromas of blackberries, currants, violets, graphite, licorice, spices, dried flowers and chalk. The palate is densely packed, with dark fruit, fine mineral tannins and bright acidity, bringing a rustic, ferric feel and a bright, fresh and focused profile. What an exceptional release."

99 points

JAMES SUCKLING, March 2026

"It waltzes out with energetic notes of fresh black currants, wild blueberries, and violets, giving way to nuances of mint tea, pencil lead, and anise. The full-bodied palate is tightly coiled, revealing layers of black and blue fruit with firm, exquisitely ripe tannins and a racy line to support, finishing long and perfumed. Very impressive!"

98 points

LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, April 2026

"Shines with clarity, detail, and poise. A remarkable wine. Violets and lavender lift from the glass, carrying with them aromas of black currants, tobacco and cedar. Cashmere like tannins join brightening acidity delivering elegance, restraint, and durability for aging. Will benefit from decanting if opening now, but will develop in bottle beautifully."

98 points

ELAINE CHUKAN BROWN, WINE ENTHUSIAST, May 2026