



100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Bates Ranch, Santa Cruz Mountains
Harvested 2 October
23.0 Brix

Fermentation techniques:

Anchor NT 112 yeast inoculum
7.5 g.L Bois Frais Alliers chips
14-day maceration

Elevage details:

Four weeks microbùllage pre-ML
20 months in neutral French oak
Alcohol sweet spot at 13.7%
pH 3.73 at bottling

98 cases produced.

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The Bates Ranch is located just south of the renowned Montebello Ridge in the Corralitos district of the Santa Cruz Mountains and is the source of our SCM Grenache. In my view, no other region in California compares to the Santa Cruz Mountains for producing wines of distinctive terroir expression. Moderated by Pacific influence yet lifted above the fog, it enjoys plenty of cool direct sunlight, the perfect recipe for the grape to express itself.

The distinctive character of Bates Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon has no equal. Aromas of plum, fennel, apricot, and coriander are underlain with profound aged nuances. The wine speaks with authority and eloquence. Its restrained alcohol and dense, elegant structure are reminiscent of the great Médocs, make it wonderfully enjoyable now, but offering great promise for further aging, easily for decades in a proper cellar. Unfined and unfiltered, its healthy microbiome will reward a few years' cellaring with increasing profundity due to the emergence of bottle bouquet.

The wine begs for grilled duck breast or Beef Wellington.

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