

PATINÉ

Winemaker: Mike Smith | Production: 164 Cases
Dijon Clones: 828 & 777 | 50% New French Oak

Vineyards

Sonoma Coast - Gap's Crown & Sun Chase Vineyards

AVA

Petaluma Gap AVA (Sonoma County)

Wine Profile

The wines of 2023 have received high praise as “a vintage to remember.” With nearly ideal weather conditions—just the right balance of warmth and ocean breezes to cool the grapes at night, allowing the fruit to reach full maturity, resulting in excellent structure and concentration.

This “Grand Cru” blend of grapes sourced from two neighboring and marquee vineyards, combined with masterful winemaking, results in an intense and savory wine highlighted by dark fruits. At this level, it's both easy to enjoy and an outstanding value.

Palate Impressions

The 2023 vintage presents a complex and intricately layered profile, merging rich, dark fruit notes with lively acidity, a strong structure, and captivating savory or earthy hints. The intensity of Gap's Crown grapes highlights dark fruit flavors such as blackberry, blueberry, and black cherry, which contrasts beautifully with the bright red fruit notes of Sun Chase, including raspberry, cherry, and plum, creating a delightful “berry medley.” Imagine a homemade compote infused with hints of Cinnamon, Clove, and Star Anise. The formidable structure of Gap's Crown grapes is harmonized by the elegance and liveliness of Sun Chase grapes. This wine promises to be juicy and vibrant, leaving a memorable and lasting impression. Allow the wine some time in the glass to fully appreciate the myriad of flavors that are eager to unfold.

