



2023

napa valley vintage overview

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The 2023 vintage in Napa Valley will be remembered as a return to classic growing conditions, offering a much-needed reprieve after the extremes of 2022. According to Winemaker Jean Hoefliger, the season was defined by its extended growing period, mild weather, and above-average yields – a combination that led to wines of remarkable freshness, structure, and expressive character.

For white wines, a wet winter and spring replenished reservoirs and deeply saturated the soils, setting the stage for strong vine health and even bud break. The mild summer temperatures, hovering between 72–75°F, provided ideal conditions for canopy development and a long, steady ripening process. These cooler conditions also allowed for a more methodical approach to thinning, ensuring the clusters achieved full physiological ripeness. The result is a collection of white wines that are bright, aromatic, and balanced, with vibrant acidity and a crisp, clean finish.

For red wines, the extended hang time and consistently cool yet sunny weather contributed to wines of intense color, layered complexity, and refined structure. Loose clusters allowed for excellent airflow, reducing disease pressure and enhancing skin development. The slow ripening preserved acidity while encouraging the development of deep flavor compounds and polished tannins. The resulting wines show concentrated dark fruit, vibrant freshness, and explosive flavor with wines that are both powerful and poised for longevity.

Jean describes 2023 as “a vintage for the ages,” one that showcases the best of Napa Valley’s potential when nature cooperates. The harmony between weather, timing, and fruit quality has yielded wines of exceptional balance and character, promising an outstanding future in bottle.