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### TRADE BONDED WINERY 113 MARK



## EAST SIDE VINEYARD 2023 MERLOT

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

#### THE BACKGROUND

The source for our Merlot comes from three vineyard blocks off our estate vineyard located along Dry Creek Road planted in the early 1990s. East Side Vineyard has natural benches that flank Dry Creek Valley and rise gradually from the valley floor. Characterized by sloped topography and gravelly residual soils, the unique growing conditions combine to bring out the best in our Merlot.

### THE VINTAGE

The successful 2023 harvest brought excellent fruit quality and wines showing bright acidity and ripe fruit. The growing season was characterized by above-average rainfall, cool temperatures, and a long, slow maturation period, leading to a later harvest compared to previous years. The vintage brought a nice concentration of aromas and deep flavors. The fruit for this wine was harvested on September 28.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Aromas of red fruits and a touch of cooking spices. Flavors of red plum, cherry, and spice are showcased with light toast notes. Medium-bodied with soft tannins which follow through to a long, savory finish. It is a beautifully balanced wine.

COMPOSITION | 100% Merlot

ESTATE VINEYARD | East Side Vineyard

LOCATION | Low Eastern Bench of Dry Creek Valley

VINE AGE & FARMING | 29 Years Old, Scott Henry Trellis System

SOIL | Yolo Sandy Loam

WINEMAKING The fruit was crushed into a small capacity stainless steel tank fermenter with daily pump-overs of the juice allowing a substantial increase in extraction of color, tannins, and flavor.

BARREL AGING | 12 months in American Oak barrels, 30% new oak

ALCOHOL 14.5% PH 3.61 TOTAL ACIDITY .615g/100ml CASES PRODUCED 625



