

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2023 The Goose, Future Wine

The 2023 futures offering is finally here, and with it comes your first opportunity to secure your share of this highly anticipated vintage. With this new offering comes a new label, and this year, Reilly Keenan photographed a Canadian Goose on a brief layover atop the Mailbox Vineyard before continuing its journey northward.

While the past vintages of our futures program have been driven by a focus on Cabernet, this bird overlooking our most important single vineyard of Merlot inspired us for this year's blend. Our Goose wine is all about finesse and length. It is based mainly on Merlot, with a small component of Cabernet Sauvignon and an even smaller accompaniment of Cabernet Franc. The mouthfeel is extraordinary, with a sense of supreme richness and body while remaining lifted and fresh.

The Goose provides a striking example of how Merlot can effortlessly lead the way in any blend. It immediately shows why the sense of supreme balance has become a routine characteristic of the 2023 wines. The indelible sense of freshness buoys the deep and dark fruit components, the subtle savory elements, and the underlying structure, yet the natural acidity of this vintage is the key. Still, I credit the small addition of estate Cabernet Franc with providing a significant sense of lift in the glass.

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