

Baldacci

FAMILY VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

2023 Syrah

Carneros | Napa Valley



The Wine

Our Honey B Vineyard in Los Carneros is an ideal site for cool-climate Syrah, allowing the variety to show depth, energy, and complexity. I'm drawn to Syrah for its playful, expressive nature and how distinct it is from our other red wines. We harvest slightly later to encourage a multi-layered fruit profile rather than a lean or herbal style. In the cellar, I select barrels with a slightly heavier toast, adding a subtle layer of smokiness and savory character. This wine is delicious in its youth, with a chewy texture and layered structure, but it truly shines with age. After five or more years in the cellar, the tannins soften and integrate, allowing the dark, rich berry fruit to come forward.

The 2023 Growing Season

The 2023 vintage is being celebrated as the "vintage of a lifetime." Napa Valley experienced one of its longest growing seasons in over a decade, with mild, consistent weather and above-average yields. The cool, steady temperatures of the summer allowed slow ripening, which enhanced both freshness and depth of flavor. The 2023 vintage is defined by its purity, elegance, and exceptional quality.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of black plum and blueberry are layered with notes of dried cherry, black pepper, and subtle anise. The palate shows concentrated, ripe fruit framed by vanilla bean, Chinese five spice, and a gentle oak influence. The finish is plush and polished, with fine tannins and lingering flavors of ripe black fruit and savory spices.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	100% Syrah
Appellation	Carneros, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Honey B
Harvest Date	November 3, 2023
Cooperage	Aged for 21 months in French oak barrels
Bottling Date	August 25, 2025
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.07 g/L
pH	3.83
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	89 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Black plum, blueberry, stewed strawberry, dried cherry, vanilla bean, black pepper

Honey B Vineyard

Los Carneros

Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 23 total acres, 21 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

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Appellation: Los Carneros, Napa Valley

Climate: Cool, with prevailing marine winds from the San Pablo Bay and through the Petaluma Gap to the west.

High temperatures during summer rarely exceed 80°F with less diurnal range.

Elevation: Sea level to 700 feet

Rainfall: Lowest in Napa Valley: up to 24 inches annually.

Soils: Clay dominated, very shallow in general, with more loam and hillside alluvials in the northern section. Yields typically are restrained by the hard clay pan subsoil, which prevents deep-rooting.

Vineyard Blocks: 12

Clones: 15, 17, 26.1, 45, 48, 169, 383, 470, 777, 809, Calera, Pommard, Robert Young, Swan, Wente

Varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewürztraminer

