



# 2023 Volcanic Hill

Planted in 1968, Diamond Creek Vineyards produces single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons that changed the destiny of Napa Valley wines.

Volcanic Hill (8 acres) is a south-facing hillside vineyard overlooking the creek. The soil is rhyolitic tuff - a light gray ash with veins of quartz originally deposited by ancient volcanic eruptions. The vineyard sits in the estate's warmest microclimate and produces some of the most powerful, long lived wines.

*"Weather-wise, 2023 delivered everything we look for in a classic, age-worthy vintage: winter rains recharged the soil and allowed us to dry-farm most of the vineyard, optimal spring temperatures supported flowering, a moderate summer passed without major heat spikes, and weeks of ideal conditions persisted through harvest. Overall, it was a distinctly cool season, but without any rains at the wrong times and with just enough heat for the ripeness we expect from Napa Valley. This is a vintage for the ages, but with the proportionality to offer enjoyment in the short term as well."*

- Graham Wehmeier, Winemaker and Vineyard Director

- Harvested October 3rd to October 17th, 2023
- Hand picked and sorted, gravity fed to small open top tanks
- 12 to 22 day skin contact, followed by 20 month elevage in French oak barrels
- Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc
- Notes (February 2026): As usual, the darkest and most brooding of the single vineyards. Cocoa, dark cherry, cedar appear on the nose, while the palate delivers an impressive crescendo of fine grained, velvety tannin. Very youthful. 501 cases produced.
- Allergens: Egg white fining. Contains sulfites.

