

## 2023 Verdad Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon, Two Wolves Vineyard Santa Ynez Valley

2023 was a long, cool growing season. We received extremely high levels of rain in January of 2023 and the vineyards were recharged with an abundance of water after several dry years.

The Two Wolves Vineyard is certified organic vineyard located in the Los Olivos District AVA at the border of the Happy Canyon AVA. In 2023 the Cabernet Sauvignon at this vineyard site had a moderate crop level. The grapes were picked on October 17 at 24.2 brix, 3.6pH and 5.12 TA.

After a 5 day cold soak the must was fermented in small open top fermenters and punched down twice a day. Following primary fermentation the wine was aged in 50% new French Taransaud barrels for 22 months prior to bottling.

The wine shows classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of cassis, crushed berries and dried herbs. On the palette the wine has a silky round texture with flavors of ripe plums and baked cherries layered with herbs, pepper and hard spice.