



Au Paradis

Cabernet Sauvignon

From the Estate Vineyard in Oakville, Napa County

2023

Vintage Notes

Significant December rains were followed by even more substantial January rainfall and a wet February and March, which combined with cooler temperatures and full soil water conditions, led to a full month delay in budbreak. Flowering was also delayed by a month, but fair weather allowed for excellent fruit set. From budbreak through harvest mild temperatures without any significant heat events led to balanced, vibrant grapes and wines with exceptional phenolic development. The first Merlot pick in Oakville was not until October 11 with the final Cabernet Sauvignon block coming in on November 11, a full six weeks later than 2022 and the latest Oakville pick in Peter Michael Winery history. A truly special growing season and vintage.

Winegrowing Notes

Located in the heart of the Oakville AVA's famed red dirt in Napa Valley, 'Au Paradis' is exactly where its name translates, "In Heaven." Planted in the foothills on the east side of the valley on a raised, gently sloping plateau, the Bordeaux varietals develop into a classic style with silky tannins and deep red fruit. Between 500 and 600 feet, 26 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot look down on the valley and across to the Mayacamas Mountains. The slope and hillside location provide ideal sun exposure during the day and help develop the lush, intense fruit one would expect from such a magnificent property.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

The deep ruby, opaque 2023 'Au Paradis' invites with a classy, perfumed nose of cassis, blueberry, black and red cherry, subtle red rose, and purple flowers with hints of vanilla cream, baking spices, herbs, and cool mint. The palate opens with a generous entry and copious ultra-fine, silky tannins, while juicy acidity energizes the refined, suave mid-palate. Elegant yet powerful, this focused and precise Cabernet Sauvignon carries great underlying structure through a very long, mouth-watering finish. One of the most exceptional expressions of 'Au Paradis' produced to date, it will age beautifully for more than twenty years while offering enjoyment earlier.

Hand Harvested	October 11 - November 4
Bottled Unfined & Unfiltered	May 13 to 14, 2025
Appellation	Oakville
Aged	Eighteen months in 100% French oak barrels from select artisan coopers
Release Date	September 1, 2026
Alcohol	15.5%
Blend	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot