

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY

2023 VIEWFINDER SUSCOL MOUNTAIN VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Our Founder, Jack Cakebread, viewed life through dual lenses – one of wine, the other of photography. Continuing that legacy of perspective and craft, Niki Williams brought her own vision to the 2023 vintage, creating this Cabernet Sauvignon from our family's Suscol Mountain vineyard, where rugged terrain gives rise to bold tannins and intensely concentrated fruit.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Perched at the highest elevation within our Suscol Ranches property, the Suscol Mountain vineyard is the final site harvested each season, thanks to its cooler, wind-swept microclimate. The persistent breezes and rugged terrain challenge the vines, resulting in small, intensely flavored berries and naturally low yields. This struggle fosters a Cabernet Sauvignon of remarkable structure and finesse, with vibrant acidity preserved by the site's altitude and late ripening.

The growing season for the Suscol Mountain vineyard featured a classic Napa Valley climate: a cool, wet winter followed by a warm, dry summer. Summer temperatures offered ideal ripening conditions, while cooler nights preserved acidity and balance. These conditions contributed to a well-paced growing cycle. The long, steady season allowed Cabernet Sauvignon to ripen gradually, developing refined tannins, deep color, and layered aromatics. The result is a wine that reflects the vineyard's signature intensity, structure, and elegance.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked in the early morning to retain vibrant aromas, flavors, and natural acidity. After careful destemming, the berries underwent mechanical and optical sorting to ensure high quality, then were gently crushed to enhance flavor and tannin release. A two-day cold soak preceded fermentation promoting layered complexity and texture. Phenolic extraction was closely managed throughout to achieve balanced structure and concentration.

GRAPE VARIETY

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot,
4% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARDS

100% Suscol Mountain Vineyard,
Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

October 16 – November 1, 2023

WINEMAKER

Niki Williams

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NOTES	
ALCOHOL	14.3%
ACIDITY	.587/100ml
PH	3.7
BOTTLED	July 18, 2025
AGING	22 months in French Oak barrels 52% new, 48% neutral

