

PHIFER PAVITT

wine

2023 DATE NIGHT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DATE NIGHT is the ‘proof’ of Shane and Suzanne Pavitt’s dedicated commitment to a weekly date night.

Tasting Notes: An opulent and deeply expressive vintage with extraordinary depth, texture, and finesse. Aromatics of black raspberry, cassis, dark cocoa, and crushed roses unfold alongside elegant notes of cigar wrapper, baking spice, and rich caramel. The palate is lavishly layered with ripe blackberry, black cherry liqueur, espresso, and decadent dark chocolate, supported by accents of caramelized hazelnut and toasted vanilla. The finish is long and resonant, carried by finely sculpted tannins and a silky, enveloping mouthfeel that speaks to both power and refinement.

Winemaking Details: Extended cold-soak maceration period prior to yeast fermentation. Wine spent three weeks on skins before draining and pressing straight to barrel where it underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was racked only once during its 19 months in barrel. In short, our philosophy is one of minimal intervention in pursuit of the most natural and harmonious winemaking style possible.

APPELLATION/GROWING REGION: Napa County – Pope Valley

VINEYARD: Arthur Spencer for his family’s Temple Family Vineyards

AGE OF VINES: 24 years old

FARMED: Organically

VARIETAL CONTENT: 99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petite Verdot

HARVEST DATE: October 25, 2023

HARVEST PROCEDURE: Hand picked in the cold midnight, then destemmed and hand sorted, sending the whole, unbroken berries straight to the fermenter for three days of extended cold soak.

FERMENT: Mix of temperature controlled stainless steel, and open top fermenters

YEAST: Indigenous

TIME IN OAK / TYPE OF OAK: 19 months in 71% new 225 Liter French Oak barrels

BOTTLED: May 2025

ALCOHOL: 14.9%; TA: 5.4; pH: 3.9

BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.5

FINING: none

CASES PRODUCED: 1144 cases

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