

# BALLENTINE

## NAPA VALLEY

*Fall 2026*



*Merlot in Betty's Vineyard, St. Helenat*

### HARVEST IS DONE!

On September 29, we brought in the last grapes of our 2026 harvest: Cabernet Franc from our Fig Tree Vineyard. August 7<sup>th</sup> was a record Ballentine at Ballentine for the earliest on record, and what followed was a short, very condensed harvest with picking and fermenting happening at full speed.

According to our winemaker Bruce Devlin, the really low yields brought high quality, and the wines already show that concentration. He is particularly excited about all things Cabernet Franc, which has been a standout for him this harvest. We won't make much wine in 2026, but what we do make will be really good.

### VISIT

Bring your friends to Ballentine, taste some delicious new releases, and explore some new wineries along the way.

Club partnerships are in full swing as we are happy to offer multiple places for our members to discover new wine and support small Napa wineries. Our members receive four complimentary tastings at both Saddleback Cellars & Ehler's Estate from October - December of this year. For more information on booking with a partner, log in to your wine club account and visit the Member Perks page.



*Members will enjoy new releases at our Member Exclusive Pickup Parties*



### REFER YOUR FRIENDS

Members can refer their friends/family to our winery for a complimentary tasting. Guests enjoy an intimate & relaxing tasting experience while sitting on our terrace which overlooks Betty's Vineyard. We welcome all wine lovers and their friendly dogs too!

Reach out to our team to schedule on their behalf.



*2023 Cabernet Franc, Pocai Vineyard*

## 2023 CABERNET FRANC, POCAI VINEYARD

Top Wine at Ballentine

Grown in our historic Pocai Vineyard in Calistoga, where warm days and cool nights help develop ripe fruit, vibrant aromatics, and the structure that defines this distinctive Cabernet Franc. Expressive blackberry, boysenberry, and violet aromas lead into layers of pepper, anise, and savory smoked bacon. Subtle vanilla and maple syrup notes add depth, with a focused palate, confident structure, and a long finish.

95 points, Lisa Perroti-Brown, The Wine Palate

94 points, James Suckling

## 2023 PETIT VERDOT, POCAI VINEYARD

Limited availability

This small production release is unique and special, as these notes normally are blended into other red wines to enhance color and flavor.

Aromas of ripe blackberry and dark plum are layered with violet, vanilla, toasted graham cracker, and warm baking spice. The full-bodied palate is rich and fruit-forward, with vibrant acidity bringing freshness and balance to the wine's generous concentration. Firm, structured tannins add depth and dimension, carrying through to a long, savory finish.



*2023 Petit Verdot, Pocai Vineyard*

## 2019 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Aromas of bright cherry and raspberry are layered with cassis, eucalyptus, licorice, and tobacco. The full-bodied palate unfolds with rich cherry compote and concentrated dark fruit, supported by a structured, savory depth. A long, lingering finish continues to evolve in the glass. Decant for several hours to reveal the wine's full complexity.

94+ points, The Wine Advocate

93+ points, Jeb Dunnuck

92 points, James Suckling



*2019 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon*



*2023 Reserve Zinfandel*

## 2023 RESERVE ZINFANDEL

New Release

Ripe red berries, rose, and warm spice lead into savory layers of tomato jam and vanilla. Dark fruit adds depth and power, balanced by bright acidity and polished tannins that keep the wine fresh and vibrant. Notes of cherry, baking spice, and subtle cocoa unfold across the palate, with a lingering savory finish that keeps you reaching for another sip. Rich yet beautifully balanced, this Reserve Zinfandel captures both the freshness and power of the 2023 vintage.

94 Points, The Wine Palate

## 2023 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

New Release

Aromas of ripe blackberry and blackcurrant mingle with cedar, tobacco, and warm spice. The palate is rich and concentrated, showing layers of juicy dark fruit, dark chocolate, and subtle vanilla framed by polished tannins and fresh acidity. Hints of savory spice and mocha add depth and complexity, leading to a long, structured finish with lingering black fruit and spice.

94 Points, The Wine Palate



*2023 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon*



*Grilled Hanger Steak with Chimichurri*

## NEW RECIPES

Whether you love to cook or just love eating well, try one of our delicious recipes. We just added four more to the list. The recipe for Hanger Steak with Chimichurri pictured here is a new favorite with the Ballentine staff.

You'll find them along with wine pairing suggestions on the Ballentine Vineyards website under the RECIPES tab at the top.

Cheers to good food and great wine!