

SHARED NOTES 2023 VINTAGE:

Santa Lucia Highlands: Steely and Steadfast in 2022 (Aug 2024)

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Les leçons des maîtres



The 2023 Les leçons des maîtres is, quite simply, divine. Comprising mostly fruit from 50-year old vines in Ritchie, the 2023 was fermented in barrel and aged in 100% new French oak for ten months. This is so deeply minerally intense and rich. The density and weight conferred by the old vines is unmistakable, as in the phenolic power of Sémillon. Green apple, lemon confit, sweet mind and chalk build through the broad, focused finish. The 2023 is one of the best domestic Sauvignon Blanc-based wines out there, hands down.

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Les pierres qui décident



The 2023 Les pierres qui décident, 100% Musqué clone Sauvignon Blanc from the Russian River Valley, is so compelling. Gooseberry, lemon and exotic citrus tones lend so much intrigue. Deep mineral and steely, the 2023 has an explosive, unashamedly New World bouquet and such an Old World structure—a blend that truly works. You will never guess this is 100% barrel fermented and aged, as it's so steely. Purity and clarity are the signatures of the 2023 Les pierres. Fabulous.

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