

## 2023 The Secret

*Homage to the Left Bank of Bordeaux, specifically Pauillac · 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot, 12% Merlot*

RETAIL \$85	CASES 325	ALCOHOL 14.5%	PH 3.65	WINEMAKERS Jeff Streckas & Frédéric Ammons
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### TASTING NOTES

**COLOR** *Luxurious, inky-purple.*

**NOSE** *A pure core of blackberry and blackcurrant in a classic Cabernet style, with intricately layered notes of thyme, sage, and creme brulee.*

**PALATE** *One of the most well-balanced, complex efforts of the vintage. The lift of acid is perfectly paired with the breathy palate weight. The up-front core of black fruit is matched by a lengthy, spice box-driven finish.*

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### VINEYARD

60% Gateway Vineyard CS, 16% G2N CS, 12% ONX Estate Vineyard PV, 12% Vogelzang Merlot. We only work with vineyards committed to sustainable practices.

### WINEMAKING AND ELEVAGE

Picked at night and processed into appropriately sized tanks. Lots kept on skins for 10 to 20 days. Petit Verdot receives the least maceration time due to its prolific tannins. Gentle, frequent punch downs throughout. Elevage: 42% new French oak barriques (Taransaud, Darnajou, and Baron), 58% used French oak barriques. Unfiltered and unfined.