

2024 Dakota Shy Melanson Cabernet Sauvignon

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Release Date: Spring 2026

Appellation: Napa Valley (Pritchard Hill)

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Aging: 18 months, 70% New French Oak

Clones: Clone 7

Rootstocks: 110R

Soils: Fractured volcanics and clay loam

Vineyard Manager: Josh Clark

Winemaker: Tom Garrett

Production: 100 cases, 4 barrels

Winemaker's Comments:

Silky and seamless, offering classic Melanson depth and texture. Gorgeous aromas of dark cherry, blueberry, cocoa, thyme, and mineral. The palate is broad and creamy, unfolding with layers of black fruit, mocha, sweet tobacco, and spice framed by fine, supple tannins. Both powerful and polished, it shows beautiful balance, complexity, and the signature lush Melanson finish—rich, expressive and memorable.

Greg Melanson has been growing Cabernet Sauvignon on Pritchard Hill since the 1980s. We got to know Greg in the early 2000's and that early friendship led to our lucky-break of getting Melanson Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon beginning in 2015. The wines from this vineyard are legendary and we lucky to be working with it.

Dakota Shy sources from a single southeast-facing block of the Melanson Vineyard. The vines struggle for water and organic nutrient in thesees rocky volcanic soils; That struggle translates to exquisite wines - each vintage the Melanson has great depth and complexity and a truly luxurious texture.

