

2024 Dakota Shy Switchback Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon



Release Date: Spring 2026

Appellation: Calistoga

Blend: 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot,
4% Old-Vine Petite Sirah

Barrel Aging: 18 months, 70% New French Oak

Clones: Clone 7

Rootstocks: 110R

Soils: Gravelly volcanics

Vineyard Manager: Matt Hardin

Winemaker: Tom Garrett

Production: 250 cases, 10 barrels

Winemaker's Comments:

Commanding and expressive, this old-vine Switchback Ridge Cabernet has enthralling aromas of dark berry, black currant, violet, cocoa, and wild herbs framed by subtle spice and mineral notes. The palate is rich and layered, revealing dark fruit, mocha, licorice, and tobacco wrapped in a creamy, luxurious texture. Powerful yet refined, it shows remarkable depth, balance, and length, finishing with a broad beam of structure and lingering complexity - a truly special expression of this Calistoga vineyard.

Kelly Peterson is at the helm, steering her family's legacy into its 111th harvest on their property. For over a decade, we've courted these grapes, asking our friend Kelly for the opportunity to someday make Cabernet from her family's singular site. We were fortunate to get our first fruit in 2021. And in 2022 was able to begin getting small amounts of Petite Sirah from a classic head-trained block planted by Kelly's dad in 1956. The Switchback Cabernet is luxurious, powerful and wonderfully complex – a testament to impeccable farming and the well-drained soils of this site.

