

BIANCHI

2023 RESERVE "BDX" RED CUVÉE

VINEYARD + VINTAGE

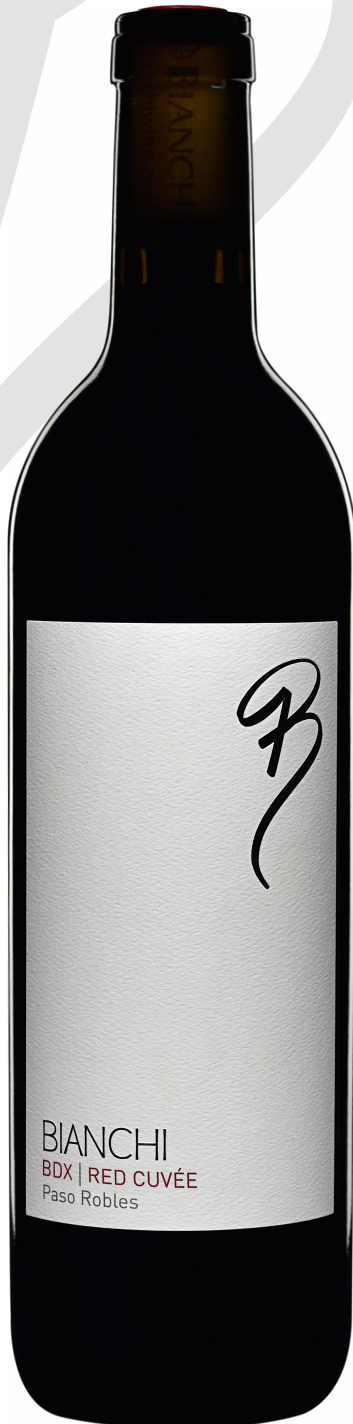
Our 2023 vintage of this Bordeaux-style cuvee blends Bianchi's Estate vineyard, Metz Vineyard, and Briarwood vineyard, all located in the Paso Robles Appellation. The wet winter and cool spring extended hang time, allowing fruit to develop concentrated flavors without sacrificing acidity. Harvest was later than in recent years. Bianchi Vineyard resides in the Geneseo District, which benefits from the cool maritime influence. Bianchi Estate's rocky loam soil provides excellent drainage for the vines, which definitely came in handy during the record rainfall. The results are balanced, structured Bordeaux varieties that will likely age well for a decade or more.

VINIFICATION

This wine was aged using a special Bordeaux yeast, which was chosen for its ability to produce wines that reflect the structure, balance, and style associated with classic Bordeaux blends — often Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and sometimes Petit Verdot or Cabernet Franc. These yeasts produce esters and higher alcohols that can add fruity, floral, and earthy notes. Aging in Francois Ferre French oak barrels for 22 months contributes layers of spices and oak.

TASTING AND PAIRING

This impressive Bordeaux-style blend is a beautiful, deep purple color with well-defined rim variation. Powerful and complex aromas of oak, herbs, spice and dried black fruits are plentiful, and complemented by secondary scents of potting soil, tobacco and leather. With similar flavors on the palate, this dry and full-bodied wine's excellent tannic structure lends to a strong age-ability component. Flavors of dried black currants and figs, black olive, tobacco, chocolate, spices and vanilla are all luxuriously interwoven into this delightfully dark treat. Enjoy one bottle now, and lay one down for an even more enhanced experience in a few years.



REGION & VARIETAL COMPOSITION



Harvest Date: 10.12.23 & Bottle Date 8.19.23