

THE BRANDER VINEYARD

LOS OLIVOS, CALIFORNIA

2023 ESTATE BOUCHET

LOS OLIVOS DISTRICT

First produced in 1983, Bouchet was Brander's first red wine and the bottling that began our red-wine program. The 2023 vintage is an old-world-styled, full-bodied Bordeaux blend built from the oldest vines on our estate, including the original Cabernet Sauvignon planting from 1975 and Cabernet Franc planted in 1976. Dense, structured and firmly tannic, it offers dark fruit, savory herbs, graphite and restrained oak with the depth to evolve in bottle.

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CASES PRODUCED

64% / 36%

CABERNET SAUVIGNON / FRANC

20 MONTHS

40% NEW FRENCH OAK

COMPOSITION

64% Cabernet Sauvignon | 36% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD SOURCE

Brander Vineyard Estate, Los Olivos District

Original estate plantings: Cabernet Sauvignon planted in 1975; Cabernet Franc planted in 1976

HARVEST AND CHEMISTRY

November 2 and November 3 - Cabernet Sauvignon: 25.6-25.8 Brix, pH 3.45

November 3 - Cabernet Franc: 24.2 Brix, pH 3.59

TASTING PROFILE

Full-bodied and firmly structured, with dark cherry, black currant and plum layered with graphite, dried herbs, cedar and subtle earth. The palate is broad and tannic, showing the savory restraint and age-worthy structure associated with traditional Bordeaux-inspired reds.

WINEMAKING

Organic practices in the vineyard (not certified). All grapes were hand harvested, destemmed and lightly crushed before fermentation in 1.5-ton bins. The wine completed malolactic fermentation and aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, 40% new.