



## **2023 Blankiet Estate Mythicvs Paradise Hills Vineyard**

A barrel selection of the estate's best Cabernet Sauvignon, and amounting to just 139 cases, the 2023 Mythicvs Paradise Hills Vineyard is a towering example of what this grape on this site can produce. Complex and compelling, it starts with brooding overtones of mocha, dark chocolate, and cassis, then leavens that with higher-toned, red-fruited elements and hints of cedar and vanilla. Full-bodied and concentrated on the palate, it's also creamy-textured and supple, seamlessly gliding into a long, lush, and nearly endless finish. Wow!

Tasting at Blankiet with winemaker Graeme MacDonald, who joined the team in 2016, revealed a heart-stopping collection of 2023s. From their small vineyard situated west of (behind) Dominus Estate and up into the lower slopes of the Mayacamas, the team at Blankiet deserves immense credit.

"When you get vintages where the curtain doesn't close on you, you get to implement all your vision and philosophy," said MacDonald. "What '23 brings to the table is exactly what I like to drink --- and to have the owner pushing you to take risks is unique."

**100 points**

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Drink: 2025 – 2050