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California: Recent and Upcoming
Releases from Santa Cruz Mountains
& San Benito County

DEROSE 2023
CABERNET FRANC, ESTATE,
CARDILLO VINEYARD
DRYFARMED, CIENEGA VALLEY

One of the few DeRose vines that doesn't originate from old vines of traditional California varieties, the 2023 Cabernet Franc Cardillo Vineyard stands out as one of the more intriguing wines in the lineup, opening with a gentle, herbal, earthy and understated nose and a supple, plush and compact palate. It finishes with measured tannic grip supported by a pleasing chocolate-tinged richness. This shows an increased level of refinement from many of the DeRose wines, which I found to be a highlight in the roster.

- Matthew Lucy



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