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# BECKMEN VINEYARDS

## 2023 Cuvée le Bec – Santa Ynez Valley AVA –

### The Story

Our largest-production wine, Cuvée le Bec has long been one of the best values in our portfolio. A Rhône-style blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, and Counoise, it's rooted in balance. Sourced from both our Estate and Purisima Mountain Vineyard, the blend is typically led by Grenache and Syrah, with smaller portions of Mourvèdre and Counoise. Inspired by the Village wines of the Côtes du Rhône, it brings together old-world elegance and complexity with ripe California fruit.

46% Grenache  
40% Syrah  
7% Mourvèdre  
7% Counoise

### The Vintage

Our decades-long drought came to an end in 2023, with historic rainfall exceeding three feet across our vineyards (well above our typical one foot). The cooler, wetter conditions delayed bud break by about three weeks and carried through a mild growing season, with sun returning in July. Harvest began 2–3 weeks later than usual and unfolded steadily from late September through early November under ideal conditions. The result is exceptional fruit quality, yielding wines with impressive balance, structure and immediate appeal.

### Winemaking

Clusters were hand-sorted, Syrah was berry sorted, destemmed then cold-soaked for 2–3 days. Fermented for 10–12 days with native yeast. Punched down by hand twice daily.

**Aging:** 24 months in neutral oak

### Technical Notes

64% Purisima Mountain Vineyard  
36% Thomas & Judith Estate Vineyard

**Harvested:** Oct. 10 – Nov. 14  
**Alcohol:** 15.3%  
**TA:** 6.1 g/L  
**pH:** 3.57

### Sales

**Released:** April 2026  
**Drinking Window:** 2026–2041

**Case Production:** 1400

**SRP:** \$34

