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## *Blend 25*

56% cabernet sauvignon  
44% syrah

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**2022**

The Blend 25 is influenced by a popular Australian blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah (known in Australia as Shiraz). This blend represents the best of both the valley floor and hillsides. It is as much a blend of terroirs as it is a blend of varietals. The end result is a powerful yet polished wine that will age gracefully in the cellar.

### *Winemakers Notes*



This wine features the classic structure and power of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with the earthy opulence of our Hudson Vineyard Syrah, a marriage resulting in bold aromatics of leather, lilac, and bright red fruit. The palate is alive and sophisticated with summer-ripened berries, baked cherries, and plums full of herbaceous notes with a luscious mouthfeel coated with a lingering layer of sturdy tannins.

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## *Vintage Notes*



The 2022 growing season started with weeks of sunny days that created an earlier bud break. Bouts of cooler temperatures occurred in late February and early April, and July was relatively mild compared to past years. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than anticipated, and finished earlier than normal due to consistently warm summer days in late August and early September. By mid-October, 90% of the grapes had been picked. Despite some of the challenges, which included limited rainfall, some early season fluctuation in temperature, and a warm spring and early summer, we experienced no significant issues. Yields were lighter than average. Overall, this was a solid growing season that showed great fruit quality with smaller berry and cluster sizes.

## *Pairing Insights*



This wine will accompany a variety of dishes with bold flavor profiles. Try a quick and easy recipe of Lamb meatballs or do an elevated meal such as a classic Osso Buco. Both will showcase the earthy and complex layers of the Blend 25.

