Kenefick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2022

Vineyard Story

Kenefick Ranch is nestled against a section of the Vaca Mountains known as Rattlesnake Ridge. This wine was crafted as a tribute to the highly acclaimed Kenefick Ranch Vineyard and to the late, great Dr. Tom Kenefick, the man who planted this vineyard in the 1970's and cared for it for the next forty-odd years. The vineyard terroir is defined by a massive alluvial fan of rocky bale loam, perfect for growing high quality wine grapes. Today, Tom's son, Chris, meticulously manages the vineyard, honoring his family legacy

Winemaker's Notes

Dark and inky on the nose with aromas of blackberry pie, cigar box, and raspberry liqueur. Lighter than the nose suggests - flavors of figs and strawberries lend way to blackberry, and dark cherry. Finishing with notes of dark chocolate and pipe tobacco with well integrated tannins that extend through the finish.

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

Try the Kenefick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon with Chef Derick's Chocolate Crème Brûlée. The dark chocolate in the crème brûlée helps to mellow the tannin structure in the wine, while letting the fruit shine on this fantastic Cabernet Sauvignon.