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Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2022

Every vintage we harvest Cabernet Sauvignon from at least 25 individual blocks from 16 separate vineyard sites. While most of these grapes go into our many single-vineyard or single-appellation Cabernet Sauvignons, we realized that there was an opportunity for us to make a Cabernet Sauvignon which celebrates the Napa Valley.

The Napa Valley is a mosaic of terroirs, with hundreds of different soil types layered underneath the bench lands, alluvial fans, and hillsides and a climate which is nearly perfect for fully and evenly ripening the King of Winegrapes, Cabernet Sauvignon. By working with a selection of Napa's finest Cabernet Sauvignon-growing sites and some of Napa's most renowned farming families, we are able to fill our barrels with a cornucopia of nuanced and layered Cabernet Sauvignon wines. By blending these together we produced this celebration of the Taste of Napa.

Winemaker's Notes



The core of this wine is made from three vineyard sites in Oakville and Rutherford and showcases both terroirs. The nose bursts with blackberry jam compote, graphite, and savory olive tapenade - a true calling card to Oakville. These notes are balanced by brighter red fruit on the palate of raspberry, strawberry jam, and pluot. Lively tannins grip and coat the palate as ripe black fruits mingle with a long dusty finish that lingers.



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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 Cabernet Sauvignon is as versatile as it is delicious when it comes to pairing. A classic American combination of a beef burger or meatloaf is Chef Derick's suggestion to go with the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.