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*Star Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2022

Vineyard Story



Star Vineyard sits in the heart of the Rutherford wine growing appellation, between Highway 29 and Silverado Trail on the upper Rutherford bench. Founded in 1987 by Reg B. Oliver and well-known Napa Valley winemaker Ric Forman, Star vineyard has consistently produced stellar vintages of Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Pinot Noir. This sustainably farmed vineyard is currently managed and operated by Reg Oliver's son, Jack. Vintage after vintage, the Star Vineyard in Rutherford proves itself to be one of the premier sources of Cabernet Sauvignon in a region made famous by the varietal.

Winemaker's Notes



A nose of wet stone and fresh strawberries are followed by forest floor, warm cassis, and dried cranberries. The palate is expansive with bright rhubarb, blackberry, fresh cherries, espresso roast, and spice box. The bright fruit is supported by beautifully ripe, velvety tannins and a fantastic freshness, with a long finish.

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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



Try this Cabernet Sauvignon with Chef Derick's White Bean Cassoulet. Cassoulet is the definition of rich and needs a boldly flavored, full-bodied wine with great tannin structure. The Star Vineyard Cabernet is all of those things and more.