

B CELLARS
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Hudson Vineyard Merlot

Napa Valley

2022

Vineyard Story



This historic vineyard was one of the earliest vineyards planted in Carneros in the late 1830s. Tucked into the rolling hills of Carneros, north of the two-lane “Carneros Highway” connecting Sonoma and Napa, is a mosaic of vineyard blocks planted and fastidiously farmed by Lee Hudson.

Winemakers Notes



Earthy and expressive, the nose opens with violets, wild mushrooms, black licorice, and warm cherry pie. The palate is generous with ripe red fruit character, balanced by integrated tannins that lend softness and structure. A savory edge emerges on the finish, giving the wine depth and a lasting sense of complexity.

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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 summer was relatively mild compared to past years. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than anticipated, and finished earlier than normal due to consistently warm fall 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. Everything is pointing to a stellar 2022 vintage.

Pairing Insights



B Cellars Executive Chef Derick Kuntz loves pairing food with Merlot. He suggests pairing it with Herb Roasted Lamb Chops with a Huckleberry Gastrique. Serve with Roasted Marble Potatoes on the side to complete the dish. The herbs will bring out the earthiness in the wine while the gastrique amplifies the dark fruit profile.