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## 2022 FEARLESS RED

*Napa Valley*

- Release Date:** January, 2025
- Production:** 8 Barrels
- Varietal:** 48% Zinfandel, 15% Petite Sirah 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Grenache, 8% Merlot & 7% Malbec
- Vineyards:** Luvisi-Calistoga, Hambrecht-Dry Creek Valley, Sugarloaf-Napa Valley, Paras-Mt. Veeder, Oso-Pope Valley & Calla Lily-Pope Valley
- Winemaking:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors  
Kirk Venge, Winemaker  
Andrew Bohi, Director of Operations
- Cooperage:** Aged for 18 months in both French and American oak, 30% new.
- Vintage Notes:** 2022 continued the relatively dry conditions of the previous few years, but with some edges sanded down thanks to a smattering of winter rains. The spring and early summer were quite idyllic with moderate temperatures and a slow but steady ripening, which continued well into August. The season took a turn in September when we saw a spike in heat that lasted for 10 days and brought 110+ degree temperatures to the valley floor. This created demand for attention and intervention in the vineyards, but thanks to an unseasonable rain shortly after the heat spike, many of our sites were able to hang well into October and achieve optimal ripeness.
- Wine Notes:** In 2007 when we were still a very new winery, we had the opportunity to source Syrah from a friend, and while we knew the vineyard to be excellent, Syrah was new territory. That said, it is best to take opportunities when they are offered, so we took the plunge and then held our breath. Those familiar with the 2007 vintage will know that what we had was excellent, but also abundant! So, we took some of that plentiful Syrah and built a blend alongside Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. This was the first production of Fearless Red and ever since we have continued this tradition of making a fun, delicious and unique blend sourcing grapes from tiny vineyards across Napa and Sonoma counties.
- Tasting Notes:** Emanating from the glass are ripe and seductive scents of olallieberry pie, boysenberry jam and blueberry compote commingling with subtle hints of mace, nutmeg, bay leaf, mint and chewy red licorice. The palate is of medium body, fresh and refined, yet generous with a silky frame of light and balanced tannin combined with fresh-picked fruit acidity.
- Aging Advice:** The Fearless Red is made to be enjoyed readily and often, especially with friends. With a blend of this nature there is great joy to be found while it is still quite young, though never hesitate to also set a few bottles down as with age comes additional refinement and this wine will easily improve for 5+ years.