



2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley

- Release Date:** September 10th, 2024
- Production:** 17 Barrels
- Varietal:** 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 2% Malbec
- Vineyards:** Rutherford – FS 81 and Brinkman Block; Calistoga – Kenefick Ranch; Pope Valley – Calla Lily
- Winemaking:** Justin and Seana Stephens, Proprietors
Kirk Venge, Winemaker
Andrew Bohi, Director of Operations
David Robbins, Director of Sales
John DeGregory, Director of Hospitality
- Cooperage:** Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak, 50% new.
- Vintage Notes:** 2022 continued the relative 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, our sites were able to hang well into October and achieve optimal ripeness.
- Wine Notes:** This wine represents our beginnings, with the first vintage produced in 2002 and has been the foundation of our winery ever since. Above all, it is a pure expression of our combined palates and how our winemaking philosophy intersects with the climate, soil and topography that makes up the terroir of Napa Valley.
- Tasting Notes:** Generous fruit flavors of black raspberries, red currant and black cherry mingle with cola nut, graham cracker and cocoa revealing a textured, yet focused palate. A long and complex finish is framed by ripe and integrated tannins with a touch of minerality.
- Aging Advice:** The forward and ripe character resulting from the September heat in 2022 means that our red wines are very open and plush on release, yet we always strive to balance opulence with freshness ensuring that this wine will be enjoyable now through the next decade.