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CLASSIC CUVEE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2022



THE VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season produced exceptional fruit quality. After years of drought, substantial winter rainfall replenished the soil, followed by dry conditions through March. Spring ushered in mild, cooler temperatures, with bud break beginning in March. A week of triple-digit heat in September was tempered by mid-month rains, which slowed the harvest. The grapes that remained on the vine developed deep concentration and intense flavors, resulting in wines with remarkable structure and luxurious tannins.

WINEMAKING

The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced entirely from Napa Valley, with fruit harvested from three distinct growing regions. The core of the blend comes from vineyards on the eastern slopes of the valley, perched above the fog line, where ample sunlight and rocky soils yield power and structure. Complementary fruit from Rutherford and the Stags Leap District adds balance, elegance, and classic Napa Valley character.

TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby. Bramble compote aromatics, figs and prunes also with an undercurrent of licorice and ginger. Palate is equally layered with a dark fruit an spice flavors. Tannins are already nicely interwoven within the concentrated mass of fruit giving a density of structure but elegantly avoiding any tannin overload or build up on the palate. The wine is completed with a long-lasting finish laced with maraschino cherry, dark chocolate and roasted coffee flavors. Lovely wine.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche
APPELLATION: Napa Valley
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
PH: 3.85
RESIDUAL SUGAR: .2 G/L
BARRELS/AGING: 14% new French oak
VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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