



2022  
**CABERNET FRANC**  
*Napa Valley*

**WINEMAKER-** *Kristy Melton*

**WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

Amazing wine club members, your voices were heard, and Cabernet Franc has made a return to our portfolio with this 2022 vintage offering. All of the wildly exciting and distinct notes of the variety are on full display here. Aromas of wild strawberries, raspberry, lilac, rose hips and cigar box are evident with flavors of currant, milk chocolate, peppercorn and blackberry on the palate. The texture is elegant with a silky midpalate, well integrated tannins and a long finish.

**GROWING SEASON NOTES**

Vintage 2022 is called by many of us winemakers the "tale of two harvests." While still under drought conditions, we had a moderate summer with very agreeable temperatures for most of the year. We started picking white grapes on August 13, but then a triple digit heat wave hit in September that lasted well over a week. Harvest went into high gear as we began picking many reds that were suddenly ripe. That was followed by some rainstorms that cooled everything back down and what was left on the vine ripened at a little slower pace to close out our last day of harvest on October 14. The resulting wines are vibrant and fresh with expressive fruit characters and elegant balance.

**WINE STATISTICS**

COMPOSITION	94% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon
HARVEST DATES	Harvest started and ended on 9/16/2022 for all components.
BARREL AGING	20 months in French oak, 45% new
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.74
BOTTLING DATE	July 22, 2024

VINEYARD	Carpenter	Castle Rock
APPELLATION	Saint Helena	Mount Veeder
ELEVATION	215'	900'-1300'
SOIL	Bale Clay Loam	Boomer and Forward Complex
VARIETY	Cabernet Franc	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	94%	6%