CHATEAU MONTELENA

ESTABLISHED 1882



2022 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga

Winery

Over the last half-century, Chateau Montelena has garnered global recognition, crafting artisanal wines that evolve and endure, through the lens of their estate. Led by second-generation CEO Bo Barrett along with Winemaker Matthew Crafton, the winery continues to invest deeply in its land and refine its winemaking, all in pursuit of wines that express the character of their land and the nuances of each vintage.

Wine

The Chateau Montelena Estate Cabernet Sauvignon represents the purest expression of the Montelena Estate Vineyard, a site defined by its exceptional terroir and natural diversity that cannot be replicated anywhere else in Napa Valley. Recognized as a benchmark for classically styled, age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon, the evolution in this wine is remarkable, offering enjoyment at every stage of its life, revealing additional depth and complexity over time.

Vineyards

Chateau Montelena's Estate Vineyard, located in the Calistoga AVA, features diverse soils, slopes, and microclimates. Primarily volcanic and alluvial, the well-drained, nutrient-poor soils naturally limit yields, producing fruit of exceptional quality.

Vintage Notes

The 2022 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is seemingly built for concentration and opulence. But the 2022 vintage wasn't expected to be so modern and supple. While the growing season progressed and developed with classic, Napa Valley characteristics, the last week of August flipped the script. In yet another example of the need for humility, flexibility and curiosity in life, the warm weather immediately preceding harvest put its statement on 2022 and defined the wines. Our winemaking mindset quickly adapted from nuance to power, and from subtlety to decadence. The wine here is delicious in every sense of the word, but completely different from what the first 95% of the growing season had indicated. These rare vintages – similar to 2004 – are to be enjoyed and shared.

Harvest Dates

September 8 - 22, 2022

Tasting Notes

An intense nose of dried flowers, cedar, black cherry, and plum leads to a rich palate of dark fruit, cocoa, and mocha. Silky tannins give way to savory notes of ginger, kola, forest floor, and earth, while subtle acidity adds freshness.

Vineyard

Region:	California
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Calistoga
Soil: Volcanic Ash (Andesite and Rhyolite) and Alluvium; deep, excessively drained and nutrient poor	
Age/Exposure:	From 8 to 51 years, oriented 26.5° East of North
Eco-Practices:	Sustainably farmed

Winemaking

Varietals:	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot
Aging:	22 Months, 100% French Oak, 45% New
Bottling Dates:	August 2-7, 2024

Technical Details

Yeast:	Varies with the growing season
Alcohol:	14.2%
Total Acidity:	5.8 g/L
pH:	3.70

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