2022 cade CABERNET SAUVIGNON, NAPA VALLEY





VARIETALS

94% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Petit Verdot



ALCOHOL

14.5%



PRODUCTION

175 Barrels



BOTTLED

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WINEMAKER

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Napa Valley

VINEYARD NOTES

The cade Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is made from six of Napa's most sought-after vineyards: Kenefick Ranch, Ballentine Vineyard, and Frediani, all in Calistoga, Hanson-Hsieh Vineyard in Oak Knoll, and, finally, Chaix and Galleron in Rutherford. We picked the fruit from these vineyards starting on September 7th and finished on October 4th. The 2022 vintage is memorable for its intense heat wave around Labor Day. If you weren't picking during that event, then you were in trouble. Our vineyards in Rutherford and Oak Knoll faired through the heat event quite well, so what could have been a very challenging vintage turned into a rather elegant and supple wine.

ÉLEVAGE

The wine received 18 months barrel aging in 100% French Oak (68% New). Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel immediately after primary fermentation. The wine was racked quarterly once malolactic fermentation was complete.

COOPERAGE

We used several different coopers for the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, including Tonnellerie O, Saint Julien, Taransaud, Quintessence, Mercurey, and Mercier. Of these coopers, we are sourcing the oak from several different forests as well as using a combination of Medium and Medium Long toasting levels.

IMPRESSIONS

The wine has aromas of Chelan cherry, raspberry, boysenberry, cola, vanilla bean, dried violets, and graham cracker. On the palate are flavors of blackberry pie, fresh blueberry, rose petal, raspberry preserve, and a touch of caramel and baking chocolate. The wine has a beautiful balance of acidity and tannin that gives the wine length and balance. The wine finishes with a touch of chocolate-covered blueberries and silky-smooth tannins. The addition of Petit Verdot in the blend gives the core of Cabernet Sauvignon some additional structure, as well as the blue/black fruit notes in the nose.