

Buehler Vineyards 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Our 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from Cabernet Sauvignon grown on our estate hillside vineyards (30%) in conjunction with grapes from other mature, high-quality, low-yielding Napa Valley vineyards located on the valley floor. Comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the blend produces a wine that displays a broad spectrum of aromas, flavors, and textures that Cabernet can show in the Napa Valley.

The 2022 Cabernet pick was showcased by two very separate harvests: the first for our Estate Cabernet blocks and the other for our Napa Valley blocks some fifteen miles to the south. The two days of unseasonal heat around September 5 initiated a flurry of activity in the vineyard to pick our Estate grapes within a couple days while our Napa Valley Cabernet grapes enjoyed another two weeks on the vine allowing for a long and leisurely harvest. Predictably, the Napa Valley blend is a brighter, vibrant rendition compared to the deeper, darker, Estate bottlings.

Following a seven-day fermentation, the wine was transferred to barrels before initiating the malolactic fermentation; keeping the wine "dirty" when young greatly increases the impression of roundness and smoothness in the finished wine. The 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon was racked four times in the first year of aging to encourage aromatic and tannin development. It was aged a total of 18 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels.

The wine is brimming with fruit aromas and flavors biased to the black fruit end of the Cabernet spectrum: plums, blackberry, and black currant. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, this Cabernet drinks well on release but will soften and develop with additional age. For those who seek youthful fresh Cabernet fruit aromas and a more structured wine, drink it from 2025 through 2029. If you prefer the less fruity, more developed bottle bouquet aromas and a softer, more velvety wine on the palate, drink it from 2030-2040.

David Cronin
Winemaker

Appellation	Napa Valley
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
TA	0.61 g/100 ml
pH	3.68
Alcohol	14.5% vol
Production	9,700 cases
SRP	\$42.00

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Dark-fruited aromas with real intensity and depth, supported by undertones of mulberry bush, earth, tobacco and dried herbs. The palate is full-bodied with a textural, rounded mouthfeel, integrated tannins and a long, persistent finish. Not for the faint-hearted, but plenty to like. Drink or hold.