

# LIBERATION

NAPA VALLEY
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2022 VINTAGE

### THE VINTAGE

In 2022, the winter was dry and mild for the third season in a row, setting up conditions for an early budbreak and ensuring small canopies, clusters, and berries with the continuing lack of moisture. Temperatures hovered on the warm side of normal through summer, then notched up for an extended stretch in early September. But in our cooler vineyard sites, sugar development was delayed as the concentrated berries built aromatic intensity. The result is a fruit-forward wine with persistent presence and an underlying savory complexity.

## NAPA VALLEY CABERNET

Warm temperatures leading into harvest revealed the distinct advantage of sourcing from cooler sites, especially our own cornerstone Faust Estate Vineyard, where we were able to lower ambient temperatures and raise humidity levels by deploying the sprinkler system to help mitigate heat events. Consequently, the fruit retained vibrant acidity underlying lovely intensity, creating a wine with pinpoint balance.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

With fruit sourced from cooler Napa Valley sites, this wine bursts with vibrant currant and wild bramble notes, alongside subtle hints of cedar, earthy forest floor, wet slate, and espresso. Its structure, framed by a refreshing minerality and seamlessly integrated oak, delivers a persistent presence, culminating in a long, savory finish that lingers on the palate.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot and 1% Petit Verdot

Aging: 22 months in 100% French Oak, 25% New Coopers: Seguin Moreau, Taransaud and Francoise Freres

Alcohol: 14.5%