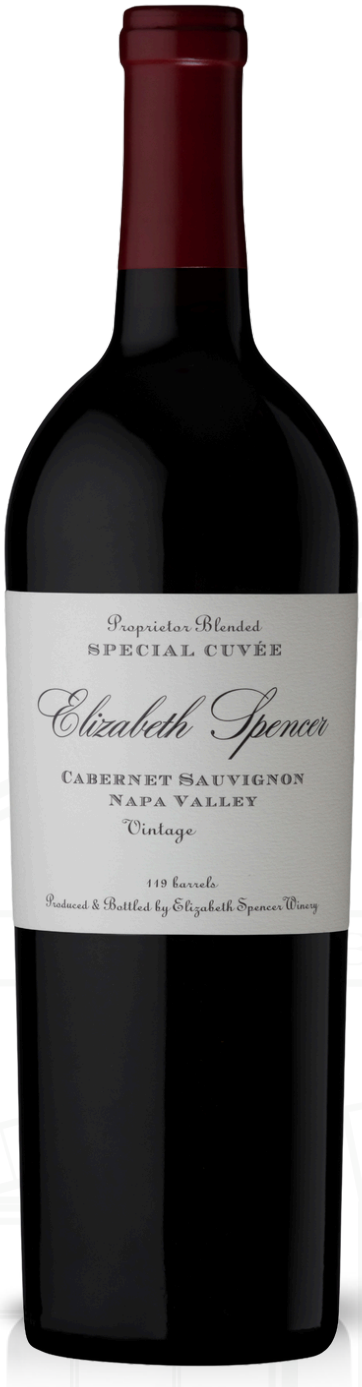
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CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2022

THE VINTAGE
The 2022 growing season produced exceptional fruit quality. After years of drought, substantial winter rainfall replenished the soil, followed by dry conditions through March. Spring ushered in mild, cooler temperatures, with bud break beginning in March. A week of triple-digit heat in September was tempered by mid-month rains, which slowed the harvest. The grapes that remained on the vine developed deep concentration and intense flavors, resulting in wines with remarkable structure and luxurious tannins.

WINEMAKING
Sourced from vineyard sites spanning the Napa Valley, this wine is anchored by 35% Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, complemented by 16% from mountain appellations, with the balance drawn from Coombsville (14%) up through Calistoga (6%). Harvest took place in the cool early morning hours from mid-September through early October, with Rutherford contributing both some of the first-picked and latest-harvested fruit, depending on vineyard aspect and exposure to the season's heat. The wine was aged predominantly in neutral French oak, allowing the purity of fruit and site expression to take center stage.

TASTING NOTES
Deep ruby in the glass, the 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon offers inviting aromas of ripe plum, black cherry, and crushed red berries, laced with subtle notes of clove and cocoa. The palate is generous and supple, layered with dark fruit compote, baking spice, and a hint of sweet tobacco. Fine-grained tannins provide structure without weight, allowing the wine's plush fruit core to shine. The finish is smooth and lingering, leaving impressions of dark chocolate, dried herbs, and warm spice — a polished, fruit-driven Cabernet with graceful depth and balance.

TECHNICAL NOTES

WINEMAKER: Sarah Vandendriessche

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 15%

PH: 3.74

TA: 6.34 g/L

BARRELS/AGING: neutral French oak

VARIETALS: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 1% Merlot

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