



ACCOLADES

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Napa Valley CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

"The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon is fabulous and clearly one of the wines of this very challenging year. Succulent dark red fruit, espresso, mocha, licorice and rose petal all meld together. More than anything, though, I am so impressed with the wine's balance."

- Antonio Galloni, Vinous

TASTING NOTES

Classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas leap from the glass, showcasing an abundance of dark red fruits, cassis, mocha, and a touch of licorice. Impeccably balanced, this wine delivers a superb mouthfeel—both sleek and textural. Vibrant tension carries through from front to back, enhancing its structure. The red berry notes on the palate echo those on the nose, gradually evolving with time in the glass to reveal deeper layers of blue and black fruits.

PHILOSOPHY

Accendo Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon is an uber blend utilizing impeccable fruit from superior vineyard sites, fashioned in a winemaking style that emphasizes elegance, balance, freshness and finesse. It is a quintessential expression of Napa Valley terroir.

VINEYARDS

Our core Cabernet vineyards are located in the "Gold Coast" of the western bench of Oakville and Yountville, viewed by most locals as the location of Napa Valley's finest sites for growing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon: Vine Hill Ranch, M-Bar Ranch, Sleeping Lady. These core vineyards are complemented and complexed by unique and little-known treasures: Ecotone, Terravina at Upper Range, Diamond Mountain. At Accendo Cellars, we work with owners and growers who sustainably farm their land and believe, as we do, that great wines are made in the vineyard. The vineyards we source today are a testament to that belief, and share some common characteristics:

- Unique terroir, with signature characteristics, found only at that site
- Consistency of the fruit every year
- Ability to produce high quality in challenging vintages

ALCOHOL

14.8%

PRODUCTION

886 cases

VINTAGE NOTES

Around Napa Valley, 2022 is known as "the tale of two harvests," making it one of the more unique vintages in recent history. The red wine harvest quickly followed the whites, which kicked off in early August. The typical gap between the white and red wine harvest was almost nonexistent, and the frenzied tempo continued until the rains provided us a much-needed break. With climate variability as the new normal, Napa Valley grape growers aim to be adaptable, and that preparation paid off in 2022 as growers faced triple digit heat over five days in September quickly followed by rain that brought a little reprieve from the heat. Following the rain, our grapes left to hang through mid-October enjoyed mild weather days that allowed us to wait for perfect ripeness. The resulting red wines possess excellent structure with deep red colors, luxurious tannins and exquisite fruit-forward aromatics.

VARIETAL BLEND

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc from the Oakville (67%), Calistoga (14%), Rutherford (8%), Diamond Mountain District (8%), and Yountville (3%) AVAs.

HAND HARVESTED

First vineyard harvested in 2022 was M-Bar on September 6th. Last vineyard harvest in 2022 was Sleeping Lady on October 3rd.

WINEMAKING

Aged in new and used French Oak barrels for 21 months.