

WAPPO HILL

—|| PINNACLE OF NAPA VALLEY ||—

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NAPA VALLEY

2022 VINTAGE



Wappo Hill is the spiritual center of Napa Valley; the highest point on the valley floor and the pinnacle of 4,000 years of civilization. Its mystical location was the apex of the Wappo land. The Wappo name honors the bravery, strength and wisdom of the founding people of Napa. The hill rises 666 feet, providing the Wappo a strategic perspective onto their cherished valley, with views from the San Pablo Bay to Mt. St. Helena. It was there they surveyed the map of Napa Valley that bore the Wappo name.

We created a Cabernet Sauvignon that honors the Wappo tradition, that encapsulates the mystical power of the place and the spiritual energy of their ancestral land. Wisdom and elegance united in strength... This is Wappo Hill Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

THE VINTAGE:

The 2022 Harvest was marked by optimal growing conditions, resulting in exceptional fruit quality. Warm, sunny days paired with cool nights allowed the grapes to develop deep, concentrated flavors while maintaining excellent acidity. Harvest timing was precise, ensuring balanced ripeness and refined tannin structure. This vintage demonstrates a rich complexity, intense color, and impressive aging potential.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER:

The fruit in this vintage is from two vineyards, with 90% coming from a vineyard in Stag's Leap on the east side of Napa on the Valley floor (to mimic the potential of Wappo Hill when it is fully planted) and the remaining 10% from the east side of Napa. The Stag's Leap climate, which has regular access to breezes and fog from the San Pablo Bay, lends more textural context and tannin structure along with plush fruit flavors. The result is a Cabernet Sauvignon of remarkable elegance and refinement. The grapes went through extended maceration, with skin contact for an average of 31 days, then were aged for 19 months in small French oak barrels, 47% new French oak (Ermitage) before being bottled on July 17, 2024.

TASTING NOTE:

Exhibiting a lustrous, jewel-like vibrance in the glass, this 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon reveals a deep violet hue, perfectly complemented by its crisp, well-integrated acidity. It presents an aromatic bouquet of ripe blackberries, delicate rose petals, and a whisper of herbal intrigue. The palate unfolds with layers of exotic spices mingling with lively bursts of dark cherries that enchant the senses. As the wine gracefully finishes, it leaves a memorable impression, defined by silky tannins and a complex, earthy undertone.

TECHNICAL NOTES

VARIETAL:
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

AGING:
19 months in 47% new French oak

PRODUCTION:
112 cases bottled