

2022 Fraternity Red Wine Blend

Napa Valley



The Wine

I enjoy the challenge and the creative expression of crafting red blends. The 2022 Fraternity continues to emphasize Cabernet Sauvignon as its backbone, sourced from 6 appellations and 7 vineyards to achieve a balance of power and finesse. Petit Verdot contributes depth and complexity, Syrah lends structure and intensity, and Merlot adds a plush texture and a subtle layer of red fruit that enhances the wine's approachability. This vintage offers a bold, approachable expression of Napa Valley, crafted to delight Cabernet fans with just enough intrigue to keep you coming back for more.

The 2022 Growing Season

The 2022 growing season began with early budbreak and was marked by warm, sunny conditions throughout the summer. While September brought some unpredictability, the season yielded red wines of impressive depth and balance. The vintage showcases vibrant fruit character alongside well-integrated structure, offering exceptional quality.

Tasting Notes

The 2022 Fraternity has notes of ripe blackberry, black cherry, and blueberry, accented by vanilla, cocoa, and sweet baking spices. The palate showcases layers of juicy dark berry, cherry compote, and plum, balanced by hints of mocha and tea leaves. The wine's velvety tannins and plush mouthfeel deliver a rich, rounded texture, while the long, polished finish highlights toasted oak and a touch of spice.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Varietal Composition	64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot, 12% Syrah, 8% Merlot
Appellation	Napa Valley
Harvest Date	September 9 - October 24, 2022
Cooperage	Aged 16 months in medium toast French oak barrels
Bottling Date	March 19, 2024
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.1 g/L
pH	3.7
Residual Sugar	0.0 g/L
Production	2,510 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Blackberry, cherry compote, blueberry, black tea, mocha, vanilla
Allocation	Public