



# 2022 BORREO RANCH KERNER

## WINEMAKING

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Kerner

### HARVEST DATE

September 8, 2022

### BRIX AT HARVEST

Average 25°

### VINIFICATION

Stainless-steel tank fermented 5 weeks  
No malolactic fermentation

PH: 3.35 pH | TA: 6.59g/L | RS: 2.75%

### ALCOHOL

14.5%

### PRODUCTION

480 cases

### WINEMAKER

Alison Rodriguez

## HERITAGE

**BORREO RANCH (100%)** – In 1888, Italian immigrant and Napa grocer Felix Borreo built a stone and redwood winery on his vineyard property near Napa Soda Springs. Borreo planted new vines in addition to fruit and olive orchards. In 1992, the Miller family purchased the site, and the winery remained one of Napa's last 'ghost' wineries – until it was destroyed in the 2017 wildfires. These bottlings are the Miller family tribute to Felix Borreo and this fruitful property.

## SOILS + CLIMATE

Kerner, a Riesling-like varietal, is planted on the flattest part of the vineyard along Soda Creek. This tends to be coldest part of the site, ideal for the varietal. These blocks were originally planted to Zinfandel, but our team knew it was destined for another varietal. We tasted a Kerner from the Alto Adige region in Italy and decided this northern Italian grape was just the grape for the site. Colder temperatures, due to the altitude and the canyon shading, make for longer growing seasons to produce a Kerner that is fresh and fruity, with milder acidity and an aroma of white stone fruits, red apple and orange blossom.

## VINTAGE

The winter of 2021-2022 had minimal rainfall, adding to drought conditions in Napa County and the North Coast region. With mild winter and spring temperatures, budbreak was earlier than average. Summer was warm and dry, with above average temperatures in August and September, leading to an early and condensed harvest. The warm weather resulted in ripe fruit flavors and an early harvest.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine opens with a delightful bouquet of citrus, lemon and lime zest, green and red apple, and lemon blossom. The palate offers racy acidity balanced by bright stone fruit and zesty citrus notes.

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