

# CHATEAU ST JEAN

## 8555

2022 RESERVE CUVÉE

SONOMA COUNTY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

### VINEYARDS

First offered in 1999, this red blend is a tribute to our Sonoma Valley home, and the label is actually our address on the Sonoma Highway. Our long history in Sonoma County is reflected here, with each vintage allowing for a blend which is both a tribute to the vintage and the varied growing regions within Sonoma County. Exceptional Reserve lots that showcase the terroir of each region are carefully selected, aged separately and then assembled into a master blend allowed to rest and gain complexity prior to bottling.

### VINTAGE

Minimal rainfall and mild temperatures contributed to drought-like conditions throughout Sonoma County. With a warmer than average winter and spring, budbreak was two weeks ahead of average. The summer was warm and dry with a few short heat spikes, resulting in long hang-time and beautifully ripened fruit.

### WINEMAKING

This Bordeaux-based cuvée is comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon (67%), Merlot (18%), Petit Verdot (5%), Cabernet Franc (5%), Malbec (3%), and Syrah (2%). This blend is a true representation of the artistry of winemaking, deeply layered and intentional, having undergone weekly bâtonnage for 18 months in French oak barrels prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Each offering of this unique reserve blend shows a distinct personality, influenced by the selection of varietals, growing region and vintage. The 2022 opens with ripe, brambly aromas of blackberry, black cherry, baking spice, and a hint of savory herb. On the palate, dense layers of dark, ripe berry fruit is laced with sweet vanilla. This wine is juicy and generously textured with an extensive, velvety finish.

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#### APPELLATION VARIETAL

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67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc,  
3% Malbec, 2% Syrah

#### OAK AGING ALCOHOL

67% French and 33% American oak, 70% new  
18 months

#### T.A. PH

14.5%  
6.042 g/L  
3.66