



BANSHEE

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON SONOMA COUNTY

Our vineyard selection for the Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from select vineyards throughout the county. We have focused on vineyards from the Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley, Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley, Sonoma Mountain and Knights Valley AVAs where the growing season temperatures are warmer than the appellations closer to the coast. The hillside aspects are influenced by the Pacific Ocean resulting in cooler coastal nights, but warm to moderate daytime temperatures which is the climate where cabernet sauvignon thrives.



The 2022 growing season was drier than normal and received very little rain. The summer was mild, but there was a heat spike around Labor Day weekend and rain in mid-September which kept us all on our toes. The vineyards and fruit load were managed according to how much water was available for each individual vineyard. The harvest began with a record early start on July 29th and also concluded earlier than most years in mid to late September. Overall, the 2022 growing season provided lower yields with smaller berry and cluster sizes, which should offer stellar quality.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

100% destemmed followed by 3-day cold soak. Specific commercial yeasts are selected by winemaker, then fermentation commences at high temperatures with gentle pumpovers twice daily during peak fermentation. It was then pressed and transferred to barrel where malolactic fermentation occurred naturally. 14 months in 10% new French oak—Nadalie, Boutes, Vicard & Claud Gilliet barrels.

TASTING

Our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon is deep, purple-ruby in color with aromas of baked plum pie, dried black currant, lavender and violets with hints of cedar of anise. A juicy entry on the mouth delivers plush, fine tannins with a velvety texture. This approachable, medium-bodied cabernet has full, yet silky flavors of plum, berries, vanilla and graham cracker. A finale of round tannins leads to a dry, smooth finish. It plays nicely with California grass fed beef burgers, balsamic lamb shank or grilled beef short ribs.

ALCOHOL: 14.4% **TA:** 6.1

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