

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2022 MALBEC

SONOMA COUNTY

CALIFORNIA

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

The majority of the Malbec for this wine was selected from our Magnolia Ranch vineyard located in Dry Creek Valley with a small amount from our estate vineyard in Sonoma Valley. 16% Merlot from Sonoma Valley was blended in adding layers of character and softness.

VINTAGE

Minimal rainfall and mild temperatures contributed to drought-like conditions in 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

The grapes were crushed and destemmed prior to a 10-day fermentation sur lies, then pressed and transferred to a combination of new and used French oak for 18 months of aging. The wine was then filtered and bottled on June 24, 2024.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Malbec is chock-full of lush fruit characters. Aromas and flavors of blueberry, plum, and boysenberry are accented by white pepper and cedar notes. This soft and juicy wine pairs beautifully with red bell peppers stuffed with spiced beef or grilled lamb and vegetable skewers with feta cheese. This is an excellent crowd-pleasing wine.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	88% Malbec, 12% Merlot
OAK	100% French oak, 50% new
AGING	18 months
ALCOHOL	15.0%
T.A.	5.8 g/L
PH	3.82

