

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2022 CABERNET FRANC

ST. JEAN VINEYARD

SONOMA VALLEY

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 St. Jean Estate Vineyard surrounds the winery and tasting room in Kenwood. The property consists of 270 acres with 90 planted acres of premium varieties. Chardonnay, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot are planted. In select years, we produce this single-vineyard Cabernet Franc.

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

Grapes are sorted and destemmed before a 3-day cold soak. Pump overs are conducted two to three times daily for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is drained and pressed to 30% new French oak for malolactic fermentation and 16 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 St. Jean Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a dark, concentrated wine. On the nose, black raspberry, cherry, and floral notes swirl among accents of spice. The palate offers dense black raspberry and black cherry flavors, with dried strawberry and black pepper. Velvety tannins contribute to the medium-body, providing nice structure. A subtle savory character is present on the finish. Pair with Cypress Grove Humboldt Fog cheese with toasted baguette, or roasted mushroom cream sauce with pappardelle.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma Valley
VARIETAL	90% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec
OAK	100% French oak, 30% new
AGING	16 months
ALCOHOL	13.9%
T.A.	5.4 g/L
PH	3.73