

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2022 CHERRYBLOCK CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CHERRYBLOCK VINEYARD

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

The fruit for this wine comes from Sonoma County's renowned Cherryblock Vineyard, planted in 1961. Wines from this vineyard are touted for their superior quality, elegance, structure and terroir-driven aromatics unique to these Old Vines.

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

The grapes for this wine were hand-picked in the cold overnight hours, preserving freshness and quality. After careful sorting and destemming, the fruit is cold-soaked for three days prior to inoculation in stainless steel tanks. The fermenting juice is pumped-over 2-3 times daily throughout fermentation, extracting color and flavor from the skins. After fermentation is complete, the wine is drained, pressed and moved to a combination of French (60%) and Hungarian (40%) oak (80% new) for 24 months of aging. The final blend was bottled January 24, 2024.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Cherryblock Cabernet Sauvignon shows remarkable depth and complexity. Black cherries, black currant, cocoa, and graphite waft from the glass. Generous blackberry and black cherry flavors dominate the palate, with notes of dark chocolate and subtle spice. This wine is layered and nuanced with balanced acidity and fine-grained tannins.

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APPELLATION	Sonoma County
VARIETAL	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec, 2% mixed reds
OAK	100% French oak, 80% new
AGING	24 months
ALCOHOL	14.5%
T.A.	6.0 g/L
PH	3.629