

CATERWAUL

2022 CATERWAUL NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NOTES

Each vintage in Napa allows us to refine and perfect our vineyard sourcing. We are constantly on the hunt for quality fruit as we continue to grow this project and that openness gives us right to first refusal with many growers who want to make one phone call to find a buyer. Our 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon continues to deliver complexity and depth representative of fruit that is usually destined for single-vineyard bottlings. Inky dark purple in the glass, this wine lends aromatics of ripe cherry, dusky violets, and baking spice. The near-sweetness of roasted meats on the nose causes a mouthwatering reaction. Rich, opulent and full-bodied, the initial impact rewards the sip with a coating of dense marionberry compote, toasted oak and baking chocolate. Fine tannins frame and blend with a balanced acidity to create a lasting finish. This wine is clearly ready to shine out of the gate, and has the horsepower to drink well into the future if a bottle can be tucked away in the cellar.

VINTAGE

Winter precipitation reached record levels in the months leading up to the 2022 growing season ending three years of drought. An early bud-break and uneventful summer growing season produced a vigorous canopy which helped us weather record Labor Day temperatures. We are thankful for the decades of experience on our team that helped prepare the vines throughout the growing season to be resilient and endure those handful of scorching early September days. Leaning on the vineyard experience of our partnerships and diverse fruit sourcing from multiple appellations, 2022 trumpets the structure and depth that define great Cabernet Sauvignons. Reaching ripeness at an earlier point in the Fall allowed juicy, fruit-forward character in all of our 2022 offerings.

PARTNERSHIP

A partnership between Matt Hardin and Thomas Brown was formed during the 2014 vintage after countless years of working together. Out of that friendship the idea of utilizing the strengths of one another gave birth to Caterwaul wines. Matt Hardin, a 6th generation Pope Valley resident and farmer, is owner of Hardin Vineyard Management, one of the most renowned vineyard management companies in Northern California as well as his own Matthew Wallace Wines. Thomas Rivers Brown, winemaker for some of Napa and Sonoma's most iconic labels (Schrader Cellars, Outpost and his own Rivers-Marie & Aston), has more than 50 100-point wines to his resume.



APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

VARIETAL:
Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:
100% French Oak
50% New
18 Months in barrel

ALCOHOL:
14.5%

TOTAL PRODUCTION:
9996 Cases