

CATERWAUL

2022 CATERWAUL SONOMA COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

NOTES

Sourced from an old-vine vineyard just over the Napa County line on the backside of Mount Saint Helena, our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon continues to produce a complex wine. Ruby red color on the edges quickly plunges into a dark crimson. Fresh-crushed bright raspberry, dark plum, and black tea leap from elevated aromatics. On the palate this wine pulls no punches. A weighty, expressive mouthfeel shows structure and complexity across the tasting experience. Chewy tannins frame notes of dark cherry, sandalwood, blackcurrant, and dried herbs de provence. The depth of the midpalate creates a runway for a long, seamless finish. A brightness on the back end shows the balance of the vintage and ties to initial aromatics, completing the circuit and signaling time for the next sip. We hope to pass along the quality and value given by this unique site in this special bottling.

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:

Sonoma County

VARIETAL:

Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

*100% French Oak
50% New
18 Months in barrel*

ALCOHOL:

13.8%

TOTAL PRODUCTION:

912 Cases