

ROCKMERE

2022 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

TASTING NOTES

This year's estate bottling brings classic cassis, black cherry, and redcurrant aromas with hints of dried spices. True to the vineyard's influences, it offers a plush black fruit foundation of currant and blackberry with notes of red plum and lavender. Its finish is long and covers the entire palate. While this vintage can cellar for at least 10 years, it's ready to enjoy now!

THE VINEYARD

All Rockmere wines come from our 4.5 acre family owned vineyard in Napa Valley. Located at the base of the Vaca Mountains, cooler temperatures and fog laden mornings ripen our grapes slowly and evenly, allowing the vines to impart subtle, complex flavors from the rocky soil. Three Cabernet Sauvignon clones and a small block of Cabernet Franc were carefully chosen to blend seamlessly and complement each other.

WINEMAKING

Napa Valley veteran winemaker Jeff Ames crafts all Rockmere wines. Whether it was a chance meeting or fate, owner Chet Pinckernell met Jeff years before Rockmere's founding. They discovered that Jeff grew up a mile from where Chet lived in Memphis, TN. Jeff is a very intentional, detail driven winemaker. His gift for matching a vineyard with a fermentation process, barrel selection, and blending shows in each bottle.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

2022 was the last of three drought years for Napa Valley. Similar to 2021, lower soil water tables resulted in thicker grape skins for more concentrated wines. Temperatures were lower than normal through August with very few heat spikes. Labor Day weekend, however, saw record breaking heat leading up to harvest. As a result, there is a wide variety of styles among wines depending on harvest date and vineyard health to allow recovery from the heat.



APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VINEYARD

Rockmere

VARIETAL

97% Cabernet Sauvignon
37% Clone 337
35% Clone 15
25% Clone 30
3% Cabernet Franc

BARRELS

80% New French Oak
(Taransaud, Darnajou)

BARREL AGING

22 months

ALCOHOL

15.3%

PRODUCTION

325 cases

WINEMAKER

Jeff Ames

Wine Advocate
93 points

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