

WINE: 2022 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PRODUCTION: 2,239 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 82% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 18% CABERNET FRANC

SOIL PROFILES: CORTINA GRAVEL PLEASANTON LOAM

ALCOHOL:

FRENCH OAK AGING: 22 MONTHS, 71% NEW

TASTING NOTES

The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a powerful and enticing nose, dominated by notes of vibrant red plum and dark cocoa, followed by the expressive aromas of wild raspberries still on the vine. The minty hint of crushed sage wanes, giving way to spiced winter fruits with hints of cinnamon, anise, vanilla, and clove. With time in the glass, brooding and dusky notes of cedarwood and graphite hint at the complexity to come with further aging, weaving together a captivating and layered aromatic profile—the product of Larkmead's diverse and storied historic vineyard.

On the palate, the wine is broad and complex, offering a seamless interplay between bright red currant and berry notes, and nuanced spices like dried tobacco and chamomile tea. The tannins are fine grained and coat the midpalate, drawing its fruitfulness and vivid, expressive berry notes from the core to its lingering finish. The seamless integration of vanilla, cocoa, and warm spices from aging in 71% new French oak brings another layer of complexity, ensuring that the wine exudes freshness and deep flavor upon release.

DRINKING WINDOW

The 2022 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon beautifully captures the breadth and complexity of the Larkmead vineyard, comprised of a variety of Cabernet Sauvignon clones with varying vine age, soil types, and row orientations. For the first time in over a decade, this bottling includes nearly all the Cabernet Franc planted across the estate, bringing the varietal's nuanced texture and bright aromatics to the blend.

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a beautifully balanced and expressive wine, with the potential for even more pleasure and complexity in several years' time.

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