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2022 Cabernet Sauvignon
Trailside Vineyard Rutherford

VINEYARD PROFILE

Following the gentle curve of the Silverado Trail, the Trailside Vineyard captures the essence of Rutherford's most storied benchlands. This vineyard sits on the ideal volcanic soils that define the region, producing fruit with the classic structure and elegance that have earned global acclaim. Our Trailside wines are drawn from this specific terroir to reflect the landscape's natural grace—each sip offering a sense of place that is both refined and enduring, a testament to the iconic pedigree of the Napa Valley floor.

WINE PROFILE

This 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon is a profound representation of the Trailside vineyard. The nose is deep and complex, opening with aromas of blackcurrant, cedar, and dried violet, underscored by a characteristic dusting of savory minerality. The palate is powerful yet refined, displaying a dense core of black fruit layered with hints of espresso, tobacco, and polished leather. The wine exhibits exceptional structure and focus, leading to a long, authoritative finish defined by finely-grained, persistent tannins and a touch of dark mineral complexity.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

The 2022 vintage in Napa Valley will be remembered as a dramatic, fast-paced "tale of two harvests." A beautifully mild spring and summer set the stage for an early, pristine start to the white wine harvest in August. However, a historic, record-breaking heat dome over Labor Day week forced rapid, high-stakes decisions in the vineyard. Proactive canopy management and targeted irrigation protected the remaining fruit until a saving mid-September rain broke the heat wave. The weather turned beautifully cool and mild for the remainder of the autumn, allowing the grapes to achieve optimal phenolic maturity, balancing rich, opulent flavors with a striking mountain-and-benchland structural core.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Harvested by hand in the early morning hours, the fruit was delivered to the winery in pristine condition for processing. The grapes were destemmed and crushed into the fermentor, followed by a regimen of three pumpovers per day to ensure balanced extraction. The fermentation kinetics were swift and precise, with primary fermentation completing in three weeks and malolactic fermentation finishing concurrently. The wine was aged for 23 months exclusively in 100% new French oak barrels to provide the necessary structure and integration for this concentrated vintage.

Appellation:	Rutherford, Napa Valley
Vineyard:	Trailside Vineyard
Varietal:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest Date:	September 7, 2022
Alcohol:	14.5%
Aging:	23 Months in New French Oak Barrels
Fermentation:	Destemmed & Crushed; Three Pumpovers Daily; Primary & Malolactic Fermentation Finished in Three Weeks

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