

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON STAGECOACH VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY



THE VINEYARD The legendary Stagecoach Vineyard is impressive in its natural beauty, soils, and stunning array of acclaimed wines. Its history dates back to the 1800s, but the Krupp brothers developed it in the 1990s into the exceptional vineyard it is today. Rising to 1,750 feet elevation, it is described as "extreme terroir". With 600 acres planted, this is the largest contiguous vineyard in Napa Valley. The rocky, volcanic terroir offers ideal sun exposure with Hambright and Guenoc clay loam soils extending from Pritchard Hill overlooking Oakville to the western slopes of Atlas Peak. We make wine from two blocks of Weimer and Clone 15 Cabernet Sauvignon on opposite ends of the vineyard. We ferment these blocks separately and later blend them with a touch of Petit Verdot, to create a harmonious wine that offers an explosion of dark fruits and minerality, excellent natural acidity and expansive tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES A warm 2022 Napa Valley summer allowed the grapes to ripen earlier than normal with lower yields and smaller berries. The resulting wines have concentrated flavors with tension and length. The vines responded to a September heat wave by shutting down for several weeks with stable sugar levels. This allowed for exceptional hang time and mature development of flavors and tannins. Our two blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon matured on divergent paths in 2022. The Clone 15 block ripened rapidly in the heat wave with some dehydration, while the Weimer Clone and Petit Verdot were not impacted and reached optimal maturity on a normal pace. The Weimer clone offered freshness and intensity. Clone 15 was opulent and played only a minor role in the final blend. 1% of Petit Verdot added depth and balance in this 2022 vintage wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot Open-top fermentation Native yeast 70% new French oak Bottled June 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.6% pH: 3.68 TA: 6.0 g/L Release date: Fall 2025 Retail price: \$175 150 cases produced AVA: Napa Valley

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141 E. Napa Street, Sonoma, CA 95476 707.938.7212 salon@sojourncellars.com sojourncellars.com **ABOUT THE WINERY** Based in the town of Sonoma, Sojourn Cellars is a highly acclaimed winery specializing in the production of artisan Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. We source fruit from celebrated vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa Counties, and we help direct farming operations to assure that our grapes are produced using world-class growing techniques. We have consistently produced high-quality wines with a hands-off natural winemaking style that showcases the character and personality of individual vineyards.

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