



2022
CABERNET
FRANC
NAPA VALLEY

There's nothing quite like standing in Stagecoach Vineyard®, one of the most beautiful spots in Napa Valley. The extraordinary vineyard is high up on mountain terrain overlooking the Valley, within and adjacent to the Atlas Peak AVA. The large property sits at an elevation between 900 and 1700 feet and is divided into many individual vineyard blocks, which are influenced by a few different microclimates. Cabernet Franc grown in Block E1 is a variety that highlights this great viticultural site's potential for perfumed, elegant red wines that also deliver power and concentration. It continues to be a noble and regal addition to the evolving PV365 brand of Napa Valley wines.

GROWING SEASON

Winemakers have called 2022 "a tale of two harvests," marking it as one of Napa Valley's most distinctive vintages in recent memory. Growers relied on preparation, resilience, and adaptability to navigate the season. A stretch of triple-digit heat in early September was followed quickly by unexpected rainfall, abruptly pausing harvest and compressing picking windows. Patrick noted '22 will be a vintage that showcases the full range of flavors Napa Valley wines are known for, from zesty and vibrant to dense and powerful."

WINEMAKING

Cabernet Franc was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard on September 15, 2022. Following harvest, the grapes underwent a three-day cold soak to enhance color and flavor extraction, then proceeded through a 12-day primary fermentation. This was followed by an additional 10 days of extended maceration to build structure and depth. The wine was then transferred to French oak barrels, where it completed malolactic fermentation and aged gracefully for 22 months, allowing the varietal character to fully integrate with the oak.

TASTING NOTES

Grown in the renowned Stagecoach Vineyard—a benchmark site in Napa Valley celebrated for producing wines of power, depth, and complexity—this Cabernet Franc lives up to the vineyard's stellar reputation. A textbook example of this noble Bordeaux variety, the wine showcases both varietal purity and the unique character of its mountain terroir, further elevating PV365's growing prestige in the Napa Valley landscape.

In the glass, it opens with an alluring bouquet of cassis, violets, and blueberry compote—aromatic and expressive. On the palate, it delivers a rich, layered experience marked by flavors of ripe blackberries, sweet plums, and a subtle touch of butterscotch. The wine is sleek, vibrant, and full of energy, striking a beautiful balance between opulence and finesse.

The 2022 Cabernet Franc is undeniably delicious now and clearly built to evolve gracefully over time. Its silky texture, polished tannins, and tightly woven flavors promise excellent cellar potential. A wine of great focus and elegance, it's both a compelling pleasure today and a confident candidate for long-term aging.

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2022 Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD: Stagecoach Vineyard®

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: September 15, 2022

BRIX @ HARVEST: 26.4°

AGING: 22 months, 50% new, 100% French oak barrels

BLEND: 97.75% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 0.25% Merlot

PH: 3.63

TA: 5.6 g/L

ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Cassis, violets and blueberry compote

FLAVORS: Blackberries, butterscotch and sweet plums

PROFILE: Medium to full-bodied, offering a silky texture, polished yet structured tannins, and balanced acidity
