



TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: North Coast

VARIETALS:

90% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot

ALCOHOL: 14.5% by vol.

PH: 3.95

TA: 5.9 g/L

AGING: Combination of mostly neutral French oak and stainless steel tanks for 7 months

NAPA VALLEY

Raymond

SOMMELIER SELECTION

NORTH COAST CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2022

In February 2023, Vice President of Winemaking, Stephanie Putnam and Proprietor, Jean-Charles Boisset, hosted the 11th annual blending series at Raymond with six influential sommeliers. Together, the sommeliers crafted a unique Cabernet Sauvignon, blended from the finest quality grapes. The Sommelier Selection is an exclusive on-premise offering from an iconic Napa winery and a small cadre of the country's most prestigious sommeliers.

THE SOMMELIERS

CARY C. ATTAR, DIETER KRAPPL, KEVIN MCGUIRE, ROB ORD, JENNIFER WATTERSON, MIKE ZYGMONSKI

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season resulted in excellent quality fruit. After years of drought, substantial winter rain was followed by dry conditions. Spring brought mild and cooler temperatures with bud break beginning in March. September saw a week of triple digit heat days that were followed by mid-month rains which slowed harvest. The grapes left hanging on the vine became concentrated with intense flavors resulting in wines with structure and luxurious tannins.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

This exquisite blend draws its character from grapes sourced from four distinct vineyards across the North Coast. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes take center stage, predominantly hailing from the picturesque High Valley region in Lake County. A touch of this variety also comes from the rolling hills of northern Napa Valley and a renowned vineyard in Dry Creek, celebrated for its textured wines. The Merlot component, sourced from a small vineyard in Mendocino, infuses the blend with a delightful acidity. The grapes underwent fermentation in stainless steel tanks and were pressed off at dryness to capture bright fruit notes.

WINE PROFILE

This wine boasts a captivating complexity of aromas, revealing intricate layers of dark fruit and alluring spice notes. The palate is graced with the robust presence of blueberry, red raspberry, and ripe plum, while subtle hints of toasty nuances and vanilla gracefully emerge in the mid-palate. The texture is luxuriously supple, offering profound depth, and the tannins exude a velvety richness that culminates in a long, well-structured finish.