

#### TECHNICAL NOTES APPELLATION: Calistoga

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

PH: 3.88

TA: 5.4 g/L

AGING: 22 months in 63% new French oak

VARIETY: Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST DATES: September 26, 2022



## CHATEAU BUENA VISTA

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CALISTOGA VINTAGE 2022

In 1861, our founder, Count Haraszthy, journeyed to Europe to procure the finest grapevines. While in Bordeaux, he declared "Cabernet Sauvignon is its unsurpassed grape. The wine made of it possesses splendid color and an exquisite bouquet." Bringing choice cuttings back to California, he propagated them at Buena Vista and sold thousands to those that founded the Napa Valley wine world. We celebrate Buena Vista's historic contribution to Napa wine by offering this rich and smooth Calistoga Cabernet Sauvignon.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season resulted in excellent quality fruit. After years of drought, substantial winter rain was followed by dry conditions through March. 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.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes for this Appellation Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Calistoga were hand harvested on September 26 before being fermented in open top fermenters and aged in 63% new French oak barrels for 22 months before being bottled unfiltered.

### TASTING NOTES

Veiled in a deep, radiant garnet robe, this wine unveils an alluring bouquet of sundrenched blackberries, sumptuous dark cherries, and a whisper of fragrant cedarwood. The palate reveals a luxuriant mosaic of vibrant fruit—where succulent black currants and plush plums intertwine with decadent notes of dark cocoa and nuanced traces of wild herbs. Silky tannins and a gracefully poised framework provide impeccable support, enhancing its overall harmony. The finish is enduring and sophisticated, resonating with delicate accents of toasted vanilla and a faint, savory minerality that eloquently expresses the vineyard's singular character.

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