

BARNETT VINEYARDS
Spring Mountain District
NAPA VALLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon
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2022

Harvest Date:	September 16 th , 28 th , October 14 ^h , 18 th , 26 th
Grape Source:	Spring Mountain District (York Creek, Barnett Vineyards). All Estate.
Blend:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Petit Verdot
Aging:	22 months in French Oak Barrels 70% new and 30% two to five years old
Alcohol:	14.8%
Total Production:	74 Barrels
Release Date:	January 2025
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vintage Notes: The 2022 vintage was one of the hottest on record. Budbreak, flowering, and harvest were the earliest in Barnetts 40-year history. That being said, being on top of a cool mountain allowed us to get through the heat. Where down in the valley floor nearly all the fruit was picked prior to the end of September, we were still picking into the last week of October. This is due to the cool nights and winds that we get on top of the mountain allowing us to hang until perfectly physiologically ripe. This all together warmer year resulted in a very approachable fruit driven wine.

Winemaker Notes: The grapes were sourced from our estate and neighboring York Creek Vineyards, with the entire blend being solely from the Spring Mountain Appellation and all under estate control. Once again, the first grapes to come in were the Petit Verdot followed by our immediate estate Cabernet Sauvignon five days later and all the other pieces over the next month and a half. Each vineyard block was then aged separately for 22 months, the barrels being French oak and 70% new. 16% Petit Verdot was added for further structure and to add complexity to the nose.

Tasting Notes: With a deep dark purple core the 2022 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon shows its youth. Black cherry, raspberry and cassis are the predominant aromatics. Where tobacco/cigar box and dark volcanic earth are underpinning elements. The wine has a nice soft entrance where darker berry fruit is on the palate matched with dark chocolate and cedar. The tannins are chalky but softer than previous vintages, where the mountain acidity is matching. There is a beautiful long black cherry finish. This lovely wine is showing very well in its youth, but will age nicely over the next 9-10 years (2033-2034).