

# SWITCHBACK ridge



## **Switchback Ridge 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon**

Peterson Family Vineyard, Calistoga, Napa Valley

419 cases produced (750 ml)

82% Cabernet Sauvignon; 18% Petite Sirah

Aged 18 months in 100% French Oak

Sug. Retail Price: \$120/bottle

### **Tasting Notes**

*A deep burgundy core reveals rich and inviting aromas of black cherry, blackberry, plum, vanilla and delicate violets. The palate continues with the same black cherry and blackberry fruits, mixed with subtle hints of mocha, eucalyptus, forest floor and toasted oak. The finish is long and lingering with bittersweet chocolate notes and smooth, velvety tannins.*

### **2022 Vintage Notes**

The 2022 growing season was once again marked by another drought year and a record low crop yield. Our ranch typically yields 85-100 tons of fruit. In 2021 we only harvested 46 tons, and in 2022 we were down to only 42 tons. On top of the low yields, we experienced a brutal week-long stretch of triple-digit heat right before harvest that contributed to significant dehydration in the vineyard. Thanks to our experienced winemaking team and state of the art equipment at our new custom crush winery, we were able to weed out any overly dehydrated fruit and let Thomas do his magic. The wines are elegant in style and extremely approachable in their youth. Thomas' decision to blend more Petite Sirah into the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon gave the wines that little bit of extra richness, concentration, and structure that they needed. Instead of setting aside our Clone 7 lot of Cabernet Sauvignon for our Reserve program, we decided to blend it into our regular Cab bottling to elevate the overall quality and intensity of the wine. All three wines are drinking exceptionally well and bring immediate gratification. This is a fruit forward, silky tannin vintage that is made for early consumption. Even the Petite Sirah can be consumed in this decade!

