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THE BARD LABEL

The label art is taken from a pocket-size edition of *Shakespeare's Richard II*. The edition is *The Chiswick Shakespeare*, a text that first appeared in 1901. The label zeroes in on the opening of Act II, Scene I, on the page that contains the quote, “This blessed plot, this earth, this realm...”. This quote captures the essence of The Bard, a dynamic blend showcasing blessed plots from the realm of Napa Valley.

THE BARD 2022 VINTAGE

The 2021 and 2022 vintages represent another step up in the precision of winemaking for The Bard. Compared to the 2021 vintage, this wine is more chiseled and therefore perhaps more nuanced. It is quite approachable even a few months after bottling, but the backbone of this wine suggests long-term aging potential. Sourcing for this wine continues to be from all over Napa Valley - north to south, hillsides to valley floor. This continues to be the largest and most complex wine we make. Our intent with The Bard is always to produce a wine that punches above its weight, and this vintage is no different.

Blend: Napa Valley AVA. Blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Petite Sirah, 1% Charbono.

Wine Profile: The perfect balance of bright fruit and brooding undertones, this is a classic Napa Cabernet with notes of creme de cassis, red and dark fruits, and dark exotic spices. Impeccably balanced with excellent length and depth, bright acidity and layers that reveal itself over time.

