



CHAPPELLET

PRITCHARD HILL



2022 Pritchard Hill Cabernet Sauvignon

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The Wine

The most sought-after wine in our portfolio, this limited-production Cabernet Sauvignon represents the pinnacle of Chappellet winemaking and embodies the elegant power and complexity of Pritchard Hill winegrowing. Like the great Bordeaux wines that first inspired Donn Chappellet, this wine is crafted by blending Cabernet Sauvignon with other classic Bordeaux varietals. The wine was aged for 22 months in 100 percent new French oak. Grown on our rocky, mountainside vineyard, our Cabernets have consistently displayed an ability to age for several decades.

Growing Season & Harvest

2022 began with generous winter rains that filled our reservoirs and saturated our soils. A cool, dry spring was followed by ideal summer weather with no days above 100° F until a significant heat event beginning near Labor Day. Thankfully, with extensive irrigation and careful canopy management to protect the fruit from the sun, we were able to respond to the heat on a block-by-block basis. Harvest began in early September and concluded on October 18, with our Red Bordeaux grapes picked at a range of ripeness levels to ensure abundant options at the blending table.

Tasting Notes

With captivating complexity and deep and resonant aromas, this stunning wine embodies the essence of the very finest mountain fruit from Pritchard Hill, offering an impressive display of fragrant liqueur-like aromas of black currant, cassis and ripe blackberry. As it gracefully unfurls, notes of violet, sweet oak, cedar and black tea emerge, as well as hints of roasted coffee, graphite, cinnamon stick and vanilla bean. On the weighty palate it is pure and concentrated with polished, mouthcoating tannin framing luxurious layers of berry compote, dark chocolate, anise, wood smoke and sage as they flow to a long, radiant finish.

Wine Statistics

Harvested Sept. 7 – Oct. 18, 2022
25.0 – 27.0° Brix at Harvest
14.8% Alcohol
TA – 0.60 g/100ml
pH – 3.71
Bottled – July 2024

Wine Blend

94 % Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Petit Verdot