

# 2022 MOUNTAIN CUVEE

Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County

## BORDEAUX-OBSESSED BLEND

## VINTAGE NOTES

The first half of the 2022 growing season in Sonoma was ideal, with plenty of early season rains and moderate temperatures throughout the spring and early summer. As the summer progressed, so did the heat, with multiple heat events intensifying as we progressed towards a multi-day heat spike around Labor Day. Thankfully, our organically farmed vines were prepared for this. With a deep connection to their surroundings through our holistic farming practices, these vines know when to shut down and save their reserves. Ultimately, the 2022 growing season ended with spectacular quality and lower quantity, which will lead to more concentrated reds and fuller bodied whites.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

Relying on the Bundschu Family's 160+ years of Sonoma vineyard knowledge, the grapes for Mountain Cuvée are sourced from our organically-farmed Rhinefarm estate as well as hand-selected fruit from sustainable vineyards along the Mayacamas Mountain range near our home ranch.

#### TASTING NOTES

The 2022 growing season had lower yields which shows in this wine–it's structured, opulent and riper at an early age. A Bordeaux-obsessed blend featuring layer upon layer of ripe fruit - think boysenberry, cranberry and pomegranate - followed by a hint of toasty oak. Our Mountain Cuvée is a medium-bodied, red blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot packed with juicy red fruit, black currants and and a dark chocolate finish. We're getting silky tannins. Hints of oak and cedar. And an elegant structure with a finish that's a real crowd-pleaser. Enjoy it on its own or paired up with something as perfectly unassuming as the wine (we especially love it with backyard burgers).

COMPOSITION 60% Merlot, 26% Malbec, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested in the cool morning Twice daily pump-overs 3-day cold soak Lees stirring for 3 months, postfermentation ALC / PH / ACID Alc: 14.5% pH: 3.69 TA: 5.6 g/L

COOPERAGE 8 months, 20% New French oak

SONGPAIRING "Darling" by Real Estate PRODUCTION 6309 cases

PRICE \$21.99

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