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MOUNT VEEDER RED WINE 2022

WINEGROWING INFORMATION

Vineyards/Blocks: Mary Ann Vineyard, Mount Veeder

Clones: Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169, Cabernet Franc Clone 214, Petit Verdot Clone 1058

Acreage: 20 acres

Soils: A variety of soil types including volcanic, sedimentary, gravelly loam and clay loam.

Microclimate: The climate on Mount Veeder is cooler than Napa Valley's floor due to its elevation. The area experiences significant temperature swing between day and night, preserving acidity in the grapes. The rugged, steep slopes together with the diversity of soils produce tiny quantities of intensely flavored grapes.

Vineyard Background: In 2014, Tom Gamble purchased this 34-acre property with 20 acres of vineyard, some planted as early as the 1970s. Located at the western edge of Napa Valley, the vineyard is perched at 1,900 feet of elevation on the north face of Mount Veeder. Named after Tom's mother Mary Ann McGuire, the vineyard reflects her refined elegance and steadfast resolve in the face of challenging conditions. Mary Ann was a key influence behind Gamble Estates and an advocate for the 1968 Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve, which protects vineyards and wineries.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage in Napa Valley was marked by significant challenges, including an accelerated harvest and extreme weather. Early August saw the white wine harvest, quickly followed by red varieties, with little separation between the two. A heatwave in September, followed by sudden rain, created a demanding environment for grape growers. With our deep understanding of the vineyard terroir, we were able to manage the challenging conditions, harvesting at the optimum time for each vineyard block so that the grapes reached full ripeness while maintaining crisp acidity. Our reds from this vintage are characterized by deep color, refined tannins, and vibrant aromatics.

Harvest Dates: Cabernet Sauvignon - IO.5.22, Cabernet Franc-IO.6.22, Petit Verdot - IO.II.22

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2022 Gamble Estates Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon opens with black cherry and blueberry aromas, accented by menthol and crushed rocks. As the wine develops, it reveals mountain-driven flavors of blackberries and graphite. Subtle spice from well-integrated oak and firm tannins create a fresh, elegantly structured wine, finishing with a hint of mint.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Barrel Aging: Aged 24 months in 46% new French oak

Barrel Selection: Sylvain, Ermitage, Bel Air pH: 3.80

Alcohol: 14.2%

Skin Contact: 20-23 days TA: 6.1 g/L

Varietal Breakdown: 69% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot Cases Produced: 214