

VARIETY:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD:

Kurt's Vineyard

APPELLATION:

San Lucas, Monterey

HARVEST DATES:

Oct 3 – Nov 22, 2022

ALCOHOL: 15.3%

PH: 3.92

TA: 6.2 g/L

AGING:

100% French oak 27% new, 18 months

BOTTLING DATE: Jun 21, 2024

CASES PRODUCED: 154



2022 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON, KURT'S VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

Due to its cool climate and the ocean influence, Monterey County is best known for its Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays. Yet in the southern part of the county lies the San Lucas appellation, a gorgeous locale with rolling topography, complex soils and weather that is warm enough to ripen all of the red Bordeaux varieties. Killer Cab from Monterey County? Our Kurt's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is Exhibit A.

Concentrated and refined, our 2022 Kurt's Cab opens with aromas of blackberry, blueberry, and plum layered with notes of tarragon, vanilla and toasty oak. The full-bodied palate delivers rich black fruit flavors and nuanced oak, supported by well-integrated, structured tannins that lead to a long, graceful finish.

VINEYARD

Kurt Gollnick, our long-time and now retired COO of over 30 years, has been farming vineyards since 1981. Kurt's Vineyard, a 10-acre plot in the rolling hillsides of the San Lucas AVA, is the culmination of his many years of knowledge and experience. He chose the site for its potential to grow his favorite variety and the grape best suited to the *terroir*: Cabernet Sauvignon. This high-density planting is farmed by hand, one cluster at a time, and features eight distinct clones of Cabernet. The result is a wine of exceptional character and complexity.

VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season began with excellent growing conditions that continued into summer, with generally moderate temperatures. And then, BAM, a significant heat wave hit California in mid-August. This accelerated the harvest pace, with picking beginning about two weeks earlier than average, and slowed down certain varieties as the vines shut down during the extreme heat to protect themselves. Overall, the heat wave reduced yields, with smaller clusters and reduced berry sizes. Quality, however, is excellent for the 2022 vintage, with a significant level of complexity and intensity.

WINEMAKING

Kurt's Vineyard features eight different clones of Cabernet Sauvignon planted in a high-density pattern to enhance quality and complexity. Each clone was handpicked, destemmed and crushed into small open fermentation bins. The cap was punched down three times per day at the height of fermentation to gently increase extraction of color and phenolic compounds. The juice was racked clean to barrels for secondary malolactic fermentation and aging. After 18 months of barrel aging, each lot was tasted and evaluated for inclusion in the final blend.