

2022

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973

RUBAIYAT NAPA VALLEY

The blend that goes into our Rubaiyat differs each year and our 2022 Rubaiyat is noticeably darker, moodier, and more robust. On the nose, the wine expresses aromas of strawberry jam, blueberry, caramel, mocha, and cloves. Layers of ripe black plum, black cherry, and dark chocolate wash over the palate with hints of bay leaf and baking spices. Full bodied with velvety tannins and a plush texture, the wine's fresh acidity balances the lingering notes of sweet dark fruit and toasty oak.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Our 2022 Rubaiyat is comprised of 96% Merlot grapes grown in the Oak Knoll AVA. The gentle slopes along the valley floor allow the berries to ripen slowly and evenly. This, combined with rich, fertile volcanic soil, creates a multi-dimensional Merlot with deep fruit flavors and a plush texture. Further north, our Maple Lane vineyard in the Calistoga AVA is home to our Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah grapes. Here, the well drained fertile soils of the valley floor allow distinctive varietal expressions to develop, in turn adding elegant tannins and balanced acidity to our Rubaiyat red blend.

The 2022 season was mild and even, with summer days characterized by moderate heat and steady ripening. Drought conditions persisted across Napa Valley, which allowed vines to naturally control their vigor and yields – resulting in concentrated flavors and aromas.

WINEMAKING

We select multiple small lots of red wine to create a robust, fruity, and balanced red blend. Vineyard lots are hand-harvested at night to preserve the fresh fruit flavors and acidity of the grapes. Fermentation starts in small, open-top, stainless-steel tanks, where we hand-punch the skins down to gently maximize contact with the wine and extract optimal color and flavor. The 2022 Rubaiyat aged for 9 months in French oak barrels (45% new) to capture fruit-forward aromas, juicy flavors, and supple tannins.



GRAPE VARIETY

96% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Petite Sirah

VINEYARDS

100% Napa Valley: 96% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 2% Petite Sirah

HARVEST DATES

September 1-23, 2022

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL	14.8%
ACIDITY	0.53G/100 ml
PH	3.73
BOTTLE	June 21, 2023
AGING	Aged 9 months in 45% new French oak, 55% neutral French oak

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