DARMS LANE Napa Valley



2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BON PASSE VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The vineyard is comprised of both hillsides and valley floor blocks with diverse soil types. Each block is harvested separately to maximize complexity to our wines.

APPELLATION: Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

GROWING SEASON NOTES: The 2022 vintage in Napa Valley was defined by a warm, dry season that produced smaller yields with excellent concentration. A long summer with cool nights preserved acidity and balance, while a September heat wave accelerated ripening and added richness. Harvest for the estate Cabernet began September 30th and concluded on October 12th. In the Oak Knoll District, the Cabernet showed both power and elegance, delivering wines with ripe fruit, firm structure, and age-worthy character.

Varietal: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKER: Brian Mox – Crush, fermentation and aging

Marisa Taylor - Bottling

Barrel Aging: 21 months in Oak – 35% new: 100% French

Winemaker Tasting Notes: The 2022 vintage showcases the power and concentration of this exceptional growing year. Aromas of dark fruits including cassis, blackberry, and dark cherry complemented by notes of bay leaf, tobacco, cacao. The flavors of dense black fruits, ripe cherry, mulberries with hints of licorice and chocolate. It is full-bodied, balanced with generous tannins and long, lingering finish. The juicy ripe cherry character on the palate, combined with the wine's natural concentration, makes it an ideal pairing for grilled meats and hearty dishes. This vintage should peak from 2026 – 2032 depending on individual preferences and then age gracefully for another 4+ years.

PRODUCTION: 425 cases