



STEWART

2022 STEWART TRI-COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TESTA FAMILY VINEYARD, MENDOCINO COUNTY:

As a sixth-generation family of grape farmers the Testa Family has cultivated a legacy of excellence and sustainability for over a century. Organic farming and minimal irrigation ensure that each vintage reflects the land. Perched at an elevation of 800 feet, this breathtaking vineyard cascades down the hillside at a 45% slope and its unique Yokayo loam soils create Cabernet Sauvignon that showcases bright red fruit and lighter tannins to soften the blend and produce depth of flavor.

DRY CREEK MOUNTAIN VINEYARD, SONOMA COUNTY:

Nestled on the foothills west of Healdsburg in Dry Creek, this vineyard's 65% slope creates quite a workout for the vines and vineyard workers alike. The bedrock of residuum weathered from metavolcanics and Boomer loam soil imbues these Cabernet Sauvignon grapes with lush, ripe, valley floor-style characteristics we typically see in Napa Valley. The hot days and warm nights lead to soft and supple tannins, a perfect complement to add complexity and drinkability.

JULIANA VINEYARD, NAPA COUNTY:

While it marks the beginning of the Stewart family's winemaking journey in the 1990s, this vineyard is rooted in history. Planted on an old rocky riverbed in the picturesque Pope Valley, these Cabernet Sauvignon grapes enjoy extended hangtime while maintaining excellent natural acidity thanks to the dramatic temperature swing between hot days and cold nights. Alluvial fan soils and Tehama silt loam induce incredible vascular strain concentrating the black fruit characters and robust tannins.

"I view this terroir blend of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon as I would a woven tapestry, skillfully intertwining and layering the three vineyards to create a Cab that highlights every aspect of the varietal."

- BLAIR GUTHRIE, WINEMAKER





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TASTING NOTES

The Stewart 'Tri-County' Cabernet Sauvignon, sourced from Mendocino County, Sonoma County, and Napa Valley, showcases excellent terroirs from some of our preferred vineyard sites. The rolling red hills of Mendocino contribute bright, vibrant fruit, while Sonoma brings a lively acidity. Napa rounds out the blend, highlighting the structure and rich roundness. Aromas of cherry pie, black cherry, and rose petals are present on the nose, with the palate showcasing mocha, ripe black cherry, and soft vanilla, all framed by elegant tannins.



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

VINEYARDS:	61% Testa Vineyard, 20% Dry Creek Mountain Vineyard 19% Juliana Vineyard
APPELLATION:	Mendocino County, Sonoma County, Napa Valley/County
HARVEST:	September of 2022
AVERAGE BRIX:	24.5 brix
FERMENTATION:	Whole-berry fermentation in stainless steel fermenters followed by wet cap immersion.
COOPERAGE:	10 months in 40% new French oak
PRODUCTION:	1500 cases (12x750ml)

ALCOHOL: 14.5%	ACIDITY: TA = 5.65	pH = 3.75
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