



2022 BENCHLAND SELECT CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

This wine greets the senses with bold aromas of black cherry and raspberry jam, layered with sweet notes of vanilla bean and caramel, alongside hints of cigar box and warming cinnamon. On the palate, rich flavors of red plum and blackberry shine through, complemented by nuances of mocha, nutmeg, and dried herbs which add depth and intrigue. Silky, velvety tannins shape the structure, leading to a well-balanced finish where ripe fruit and vibrant acidity merge seamlessly.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

Grapes for the Benchland Select label are sourced from vineyards along the benchlands in Oakville and Rutherford AVA's. These vineyards sit on prized bale loam soils – well-draining, yet capable of retaining just enough moisture to support ideal ripening. The vines thrive in the western benchlands, where the slightly cooler microclimate, shielded from intense afternoon sun, allows the grapes to retain a lively acidity and the slow, steady maturation produces wines with balance and complexity.

The 2022 growing season in Napa Valley was marked by mild temperatures and steady ripening, creating ideal conditions for rich flavor development. Ongoing drought naturally controlled vine vigor and yields, leading to concentrated aromas and depth. Warm weather persisted into harvest, allowing Cabernet Sauvignon to reach peak maturity with refined tannins and a beautifully structured profile

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested in the early morning to preserve freshness, aromas, and natural acidity, each cluster was gently destemmed, sorted for consistency, and lightly crushed to support full flavor and tannin extraction. A two-day cold soak preceded fermentation - phenolic development was carefully monitored throughout to achieve a structured, concentrated wine without harsh tannins or bitterness. The final blend aged for 22 months in French oak barrels (57% new), with each lot selected to enhance balance, richness, and a long, elegant finish.

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS

100% Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

September 13 – October 5, 2022

WINEMAKER

Niki Williams

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ALCOHOL	14.2%
ACIDITY	0.608g/100ml
PH	3.69
BOTTLED	December 10, 2024
AGING	22 months in 100% French Oak barrels (57% new & 43% neutral)