

SCATTERED PEAKS

NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON | 2022

Scattered Peaks wines embody the spirit of adventure and determination, reflecting founder Derek Benham's quest for excellence. Our boutique wines are bold and powerful yet elegant, showcasing a harmonious balance of strength and finesse.

VINTAGE

Winemakers are calling the 2022 vintage “the tale of two harvests,” making it one of the more unique vintages in recent history. The white wine harvest kicked off in early August, followed quickly by red wine varieties.

With climate variability as the new normal, Napa Valley grape growers aim to be resilient and adaptable. Their preparation and experience paid off in 2022 as growers faced triple digit heat over five days in September quickly followed by rain that brought harvest to a sudden halt. Following the rain, grapes left to hang through October enjoyed mild weather days that allowed winemakers to wait for perfect ripeness. Winemakers describe 2022 red wines as excellent structured with deep red colors, luxurious tannins and exquisite fruit-forward aromatics. Winemakers believe the unique weather events that defined the vintage will showcase the full range of flavors that Napa Valley wines are so well known for from crisp and vibrant to dense and powerful.

WINEMAKING

We harvested our Cabernet Sauvignon from Usibelli Vineyards during the cool morning hours once they attained brix levels between 25°- 26° and the fruit was most flavorful and mildly acidic. At the winery they were sorted, de-stemmed and cold soaked for four days prior to fermentation. During primary fermentation, three daily pump overs are done, then wine was racked into French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and 18 months of aging.

VINEYARDS

We have sourced and worked with Usibelli Vineyard for 17 years. Located just 15 minutes outside of St. Helena in Pope Valley, this vineyard is ‘off the beaten path’, in a quieter area of Napa Valley and produces grapes which are of gold standard in the region.

It is situated in the most northeastern region of Napa Valley at higher elevations than the valley floor and experience incredibly large diurnal swings, with warm days and cool nights.

The vineyard is hilly with well-drained, gravely, and loamy soil. This moderates the vigor of the vines and maintains water and stress levels. Our Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the Hillside Block Vineyard 10/ Block 2.



VINEYARD SOURCING:

96% Usibelli Vineyard
4% Pastori Vineyard



TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE: Dark black cherry.

AROMA: Bold black and red fruit notes.

PALATE: Concentrated dark black fruit, ripe plum and cassis. Toasty oak and dark cocoa tones.

FINISH: Integrated, velvety with ample texture and lingering finish.

TECHNICAL INFO

WINEMAKER: Steven Urberg

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Merlot,
1% Petite Sirah

CLONES: 7 & 337

COOPERS: Seguin Moreau, Nadalié, TW Boswell

AGING: 18 months in French oak barrels, 50% new

pH: 3.47 **TA:** 1.65

ALC / VOL: 14.5%



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