

2022 BOUGETZ CELLARS SARDONYX MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET FRANC

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Sardonyx Cabernet Franc is comprised of 94% Cabernet Franc, blended with 6% Merlot. Showing its roots from Mt Veeder, this is a dark, inky black Cabernet Franc. Aromas of black fruit, white pepper and a hint of tea leaf fill the bowl, raising the anticipation of tasting the wine. Full-bodied, this wine rewards you with a mouthful of black currant and black cherry. Big, and long in the finish, this is a wine that will age effortlessly.

HARVEST NOTES

The 2022 growing season started early with bud break occurring about a week earlier than average. We experienced a normal rainfall, allowing the vines to grow without excessive watering. Very few heat spikes occurred during the warm, but pleasant summer, leading to a harvest that occurred about a week earlier than normal. The fruit was harvested at night on October 4th.

Harvest date: October 4th, 2022

Appellation: Mt Veeder

Brix at harvest: 25.5

Crush: De-stemmed, 100% whole berry

Fermentation: 14-day ferment

 Aging: 21 months, with 75% new French oak, 25% once used

Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.72

TA: 5.40 g/L

Bottled: August 2024

Case production: 55 cases

Winemaker: Thomas Bougetz

Suggested retail: \$69



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