



## 2022 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 'RLC' *Rock Loam Clay*



**Composition:** Cabernet Sauvignon 100%  
**Appellation:** St. Helena, Napa Valley  
**Clone Selection:** See, Jackson, To Kalon, Seven  
**Winemaking:** Small lot fermentations, 22 months aging in 65% new French Oak 35% single used French Oak.  
**Harvest Dates:** Hand Harvested September 14, 15, 16  
**Bottled:** June 2024  
**Case Production:** 938 cases  
**Release Date:** Winter 2025  
**SRP: \$85**  
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Named for the variations of rock, loam, and clay soils found throughout the Crocker Vineyard, *RLC* is the embodiment of Crocker & Starr as a concept. *RLC* is the third distinctive estate Cabernet Sauvignon from our St. Helena vineyard estate. The varying soil compositions in these vine blocks (east of our historic Block 3) yield generous and supple grapes which in turn yield a plush and classic Cabernet Sauvignon wine.

**Gone Green:** Napa Green Vineyard and Green Winery certified, Fish Friendly Farming certified and working on a regenerative farm plan. Actions to maintain certifications and achieve reduced carbon foot print includes: electric tractor, cultivating cover crop with sheep, habitat for beneficial insects, no-till vineyard blocks, annual farm plan for year over year achievement, employee garden, no entry tanks, reduced labor harvest equipment, reduction of empty wine bottle weight.

### 2022 Harvest Report

The 2022 growing season began with end of March budbreak and was relatively uneventful except a slight warm trend during flowering. Before the beginning of September, the weather was fun-summer weather. Early September a heat wave hit with temperatures soaring past 110 F that was relentless for several days. Misters in Block 1 saved some of our most prized Cabernet. Ideally, our black grapes are harvested over a period of 4 to 6 weeks. In 2022, all of our black grapes were harvested in 5 days! The diligence and speed of our night picking crews delivered early morning grapes which we immediately stored in our 55 F cellar until processing. The magnitude of friends and family assisting and our sorting equipment saved the day which maintained quality but reduced our already small yields. The result of all these efforts are wines with beautiful balance and structure.

### Tasting Notes

The 2022 *RLC* shows ruby red and black color of medium dark density. Aromas of fresh cherry, black currant, pomegranate, dried tarragon are lifted-up with toasted vanilla oak and nutmeg spice set expectations of deliciousness. Flavors which are true to the aromas enter with creamy currant and dark chocolate, vanilla oak and pie spices and are reminiscent of a red velvet cake experience. The fine grain tannins hold the wine through to the medium long finish. This 2022 *RLC* is incredibly approachable right now and is expected to age elegantly for 15+ years.

*At the heart of Crocker & Starr is our Vineyard Experience: Touch the Vines...Taste the Wines*  
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