



2022 A.V.A. Napa Valley Blend of CABERNET FRANC



Blend : Cabernet Franc 69%, Cabernet Sauvignon 22%, Malbec 5%, Petit Verdot 4%

Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley 100%

Production: 479 cases

Release: End of Summer 2025

SRP: \$72

Gone Green: As a **Certified Napa Green Vineyard & Winery and Fish Friendly Farming** operation, we follow regenerative practices to reduce our carbon footprint. Efforts include an electric tractor, sheep grazing for cover crops, insect-friendly habitats, no-till farming, and a yearly farm plan. We also maintain an employee garden, employ no-entry tank rule for safety, adopt labor-saving equipment, and reduction in glass bottle weight; all to protect the land, preserve biodiversity, and craft wines with lasting integrity.

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A.V.A. stands for American Viticulture Area and for us it represents the culmination of sustainable viticulture, resurrection of our 1870's winery and classic winemaking. The bouquet on the front label ties into our rich history, as it and our 1870's Victorian home originate from a Sears & Roebuck catalog. Inspired by the great wines of the right bank of Bordeaux, our A.V.A. Napa Valley blend of Cabernet Franc serves as the perfect introduction to the Crocker & Starr portfolio.

Growing Season:

The 2022 growing season began in mid-March with budbreak. Marking the third consecutive year of drought, the season brought little spring rain and a relatively warm summer, setting the stage for an early harvest. A September heat wave accelerated ripening, but cool nighttime lows in the 50s kept both grapes and crews in good condition for night picking. This became the shortest red grape harvest in our history; Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot all arrived at the winery within just six days! The magnitude of friends and family assisting along with our sorting equipment saved the day and maintained quality but reduced our already small yields. The result of all these efforts are wines with beautiful balance and structure.

Tasting Notes: A beautiful dense ruby hue draws you to the aromas of black raspberry, plum, anise, and dried ancho chile spice. The palate is equally savory, layered with fresh fig and blackberry, carried by powder-sugar tannins and mouthwatering acidity. The wine's dense core and long finish make it one of the finest choices for pairing with a wide range of cuisine.

At the heart of Crocker & Starr is our Vineyard Experience: Touch the Vines...Taste the Wines Please join us at the estate on your next Napa sojourn!

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