

ANCIENT PEAKS

v. 2022 | **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA | SANTA MARGARITA RANCH



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OVERVIEW

Cabernet Sauvignon is the longtime flagship wine of Ancient Peaks, helping drive the emergence of Paso Robles as a world-class region for this classic Bordeaux variety. At our estate Margarita Vineyard, Cabernet Sauvignon achieves both ripeness and balance amid one of the region's coolest, longest growing seasons, all while drawing natural complexity from the vineyard's uniquely complex soils.

VINEYARD

The 2022 vintage spans a range of diverse Cabernet Sauvignon blocks from across Santa Margarita Ranch, collectively planted to soils of calcareous ancient sea bed, Monterey shale and rocky alluvium. These blocks feature many of Margarita Vineyard's original mature plantings as well as multiple newer blocks and clones. These different blocks, clones and soil profiles combine to create a naturally complex and multi-layered estate Cabernet Sauvignon with a signature mingling of red and black fruit flavors. Margarita Vineyard stands alone as the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles region, nestled into the rugged Santa Lucia Mountain range just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean in the new Santa Margarita Ranch AVA. The mountain peaks act as a gateway for cool marine air, resulting in an extended growing season that yields fruit with uncommon depth and structure. The peaks are also testaments to the tectonic forces that created Margarita Vineyard's rare diversity of soils, ultimately creating natural complexity in our wines.

WINEMAKING

The 2022 growing season was moderate through mid-summer in the wake of dry winter conditions. While a sustained heat wave landed on Labor Day weekend, our Cabernet Sauvignon vines maintained a nice pace of ripening into mid October. Each individual block of Cabernet Sauvignon was picked at individual ripeness during a two-week period. The lots were gently destemmed and cold soaked for 48 hours prior to fermentation for a smooth extraction of color and flavor. After fermentation, the lots were racked to an equal combination of French and American oak barrels, where they aged for 20 months prior to blending and bottling. Small complements of estate-grown Malbec, Petit Verdot, Syrah and Petite Sirah were incorporated into the final blend for enhanced color, mouthfeel and flavor dimension.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon is flush with aromas of violet, plum, black cherry, tobacco, peppercorn and toasted oak. The mouthfeel is dense and concentrated, delivering layers of red currant, blue fruit, cassis and mocha laced with vanilla and savory herb. Fresh tannins, sleek textures and integrated acidity carry deep into a long, balanced finish.




CUISINE PAIRING

The heady complexity and savory notes of the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon make an excellent match for tapenade, lamb shanks, filet medallions, mushroom risotto and steak au poivre.

VINEYARD:

Margarita Vineyard

SOIL TYPE:

Ancient Sea Bed 
Rocky Alluvium 
Shale 

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

Cabernet Sauvignon (77%)
Malbec (9%)
Petite Sirah (7%)
Syrah (5%)
Petit Verdot (2%)

HARVEST DATES:

October 4 through October 18

AGING REGIMEN:

20 months in French and American oak barrels (25% new)

FINAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 14.2%
TA: .63
pH: 3.63



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