Far Niente

A masterful blend of Napa Valley terroir, the Post & Beam Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine that combines ripe fruit, smooth tannins, and a graceful finish for an approachable and expressive style.

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Post & Beam Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **2022 Post & Beam Cabernet Sauvignon** is sourced from prime vineyard sites throughout **Napa Valley**, including the southern areas of **Pope Valley** and **Oak Knoll**. These regions offer varying climates and soils, contributing to the complexity of the wine. **Pope Valley** brings ripeness and concentration, particularly from the early-ripening **Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Merlot**, which were harvested after a heat spike in early September. The cooler regions, such as **Oak Knoll**, allowed the grapes to mature more slowly, developing deeper phenolics and complexity as the season extended into October.

The **growing season** began with early budbreak and continued with a mild summer. A significant **Labor Day heat spike** accelerated the ripening process, leading to early harvesting of some varietals. This heat was followed by cooler conditions, which allowed for extended hang time for the later-harvested fruit, resulting in **bold flavors** and well-developed **tannins**.

Winemaking

The **Post & Beam Cabernet Sauvignon** is a blend of **91% Cabernet Sauvignon**, **6% Merlot**, **2% Petit Verdot**, and **1% Cabernet Franc**. This careful selection of varietals adds complexity and structure to the wine. After harvest, the wine was aged for **10 months in French oak barrels**, with **30% new oak** used to impart subtle vanilla and spice flavors without overwhelming the fruit.

The winemaking philosophy of **Post & Beam** is centered around creating pure, elegant expressions of Napa Valley fruit. The oak treatment is restrained to allow the natural characteristics of the grapes to shine through, resulting in a wine that is approachable and balanced.

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Tasting Notes

- **Aroma**: Seductive aromas of **briar patch** and **plum sauce** greet the nose, offering a rich, fruit-forward profile with subtle earthy undertones.
- **Palate**: The palate is **round and textured**, with layers of **cassis** and **blackberry**. The well-structured body delivers richness while maintaining elegance.
- **Finish**: The finish is long and smooth, with flavors of **vanilla**, **mocha**, and **cocoa**, complemented by **resolved tannins** that add depth and complexity.

Did you know?

The name **Post & Beam** is inspired by the simple yet enduring architecture of barns found across the American landscape. Like these structures, the wines of Post & Beam are crafted with a focus on purity, tradition, and elegance, reflecting the essence of the Napa Valley terroir without unnecessary complexity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops**: The rich, savory flavors of lamb complement the dark fruit and mocha notes of the wine.
- **Beef tenderloin**: The wine's smooth tannins and cassis flavors enhance the tenderness and richness of the beef.
- **Mushroom risotto**: The earthiness of mushrooms pairs beautifully with the wine's briar and cocoa notes, creating a harmonious balance.

90 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 90 Points (2022)

A fresh, fruit-forward and easily accessible Napa cabernet with notes of plums, red cherries and eucalyptus. The palate is medium-bodied with vibrant acidity and soft tannins giving notes of blackberries, cassia bark and orange zest.

94 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2021)

It's difficult to imagine a more appealing, lavishly oaked wine than this indulgent Cabernet. It packs in super-ripe blueberries, blackberries and black currants, bracing them with tons of fine-grained tannins and some good fruit acidity. Best from 2028.