



La Crema

This inaugural 2022 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon by La Crema offers ripe fruit intensity and supple structure, reflecting the diversity of Sonoma's terroirs.

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Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Sonoma County is a mosaic of microclimates and elevations, providing an exceptional canvas for Cabernet Sauvignon. In particular, **Alexander Valley**, with its warmer days and well-draining soils, contributes powerful fruit and dense tannin structure. Meanwhile, other mountain and valley sites layered into the blend offer freshness, aromatic lift, and complexity.

The 2022 growing season was mixed but ultimately promising. Winter brought limited rainfall, only modestly replenishing the region's soil moisture. Spring and early summer were relatively calm, fostering even vine growth. A **heat spike in late August and early September** rapidly accelerated ripening, leading to an early and concentrated harvest. Despite climatic challenges, the resulting fruit showcased **ripe red and blue fruit tones with refined structure**, setting a strong foundation for this debut vintage.

Winemaking

Individual blocks, varieties, and clones were kept separate throughout fermentation and aging to maximize **blending flexibility and expression**. The final blend incorporates estate-grown fruit from Alexander Valley as well as complementary lots from other sites, with a modest amount of Merlot added for **roundness and fruit-driven charm**.

The wine was matured for 15 months in oak barrels, including **12% new French oak and 7% new American oak**, balancing structure and toast with varietal purity. The careful use of new oak added subtle spice and texture without overwhelming the fruit. Bottled on May 28, 2024, the final wine reveals La Crema's **signature finesse now brought to Cabernet Sauvignon**.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet
Sauvignon



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with vibrant, youthful edges.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of dried cherry, plum, and blackcurrant mingle with subtle oak spice.
- **Palate:** Boysenberry and dark cherry dominate, with a gentle touch of coffee and sweet spice. Tannins are approachable and rounded, balanced by juicy acidity and a persistent, supple finish.

Did you know?

2022 marks the **first-ever vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon by La Crema**, a house traditionally known for cool-climate Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. This expansion into Bordeaux varieties highlights **the estate's growing presence in Sonoma County's red wine scene**, while maintaining its signature focus on elegance and terroir expression.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye with rosemary butter:** A robust dish that echoes the wine's dark fruit and plush tannins.
- **Lamb tagine with dried fruit and spice:** Brings out the wine's hints of cherry and plum with layered depth.
- **Portobello mushroom burgers:** A vegetarian pairing that matches the earthy, round structure.
- **Aged cheddar or Gouda:** Complements the wine's dark fruit and subtle oak integration.



James Suckling (JS) : 92 Points (2022)

Ripe aromas of Damson plums, dark cherries, spices and cassia bark. The palate is full-bodied with finely integrated tannins and balanced acidity, giving notes of blackberry bush, potpourri, mocha and tobacco leaves. Well constructed.

