

2022
MAVERICK
RED

CALDWELL
(38° 17' N. Latitude, 122° 14' W. Longitude)

SOCIETY OF SMUGGLERS

2022 MAVERICK by Caldwell, Napa Valley

VINTAGE: Sixth

COMPOSITION: Maverick's Secret

APPELLATION: Coombsville AVA, Napa Valley, CA

VINEYARD: Caldwell Vineyard, Kreuzer Vineyard

OPTIMAL DRINKING PERIOD: 2–5 Years

PRODUCTION: 305 Cases

PRICE: \$115 / 750ml SOS Only

VINEYARD BLOCKS:

Caldwell 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20
and Kreuzer 1, 3, 7 and 8

YIELD: 3.0 Tons per Acre on Average

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 25 Years

GRAPE VARIETIES: See Composition Section

CLONES: Multiple

ROOTSTOCK: Multiple

HARVEST DATES: Multiple

FINING: None

FILTERING: None

VINTAGE SUMMARY: Coming off yet another drought year in 2021, 2022 started early and was warm to hot throughout the vintage. Whites kicked off with Sauvignon Blanc in August, but Chardonnay took its time ripening, as we had an excellent crop. The window between whites and reds was nonexistent, with Malbec coming to the winery only 2 days after Chardonnay. Since the heat provided plenty of ripeness, reds kept rolling in despite the rain and we didn't finish harvest of the old vines in Block 11 until October 27th. One of the most unique vintages in history, 2022 really was two harvests: one before the long, triple-digit week in September, and one after the rains in late September. Luckily Coombsville only hit 105F, whereas up valley some regions hit 120F for days in a row, devastating the crops. The extreme weather pattern variation was incredibly site specific, and only the terroirs best able to withstand the heat will deliver incredible wines.

FERMENTATION VESSEL: Stainless Steel

YEAST: Multiple

ML BACTERIA: Multiple

WOOD ORIGIN: New French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)

AGING: 100% French Oak, 75% New, for 20 Months

ALCOHOL: 15%

BOTTLED ON: May 30, 2024

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES: The 2022 SOS Maverick compared to the 2021 is even more open-knit, with tons of darker, more brooding fruits. Along with the Right Bank in the club wines, the Maverick is designed to open up the earliest after bottling. Tannins are extracted to be velvety, round, full, and smooth. Ripe red fruits lead up to a broad, rich mid-palate, with a finish that lingers forever with strong toasted flavors from Ramiro's barrels. I thought the 2021s were huge and delicious, and the 2022s counter with unctuous, unprecedented levels of ripe fruit.