

2022 SIGNATURE COLLECTION PLATINUM

BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Eleventh
Composition:	Winemaker's Secret
Clones:	169 and 685
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard and Upper Range Vineyard
Block:	Upper Range F12 and Caldwell 17 and 18
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	15 Years
Grape Varieties:	Winemaker's Secret
Rootstock:	3309
Harvest Date:	September 16-19, 2022

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:	Stainless Steel
Yeast:	Multiple
ML Bacteria:	Multiple
Wood Origin:	100% French Oak (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	22 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	80%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled on:	August 14, 2024

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: The 2022 Platinum by Caldwell is an opulent yet elegant wine similar to the 2021, but with greater red cassis and floral aromatics. We were able to pull off a level of freshness and varietal purity that will be rare for such a hot vintage. The dried earth and dark brooding notes come from a favorite barrel of John's from Block 17, 685 clone. On the palate, the fruit weight is absolutely enormous on the attack, which enters seamlessly into a broad and decadent mid-palate of blackberries and powerful oak spice. The tannins are more integrated into the finish than the 2021, which allows this wine to be enjoyed sooner, and creates the greatest aging potential of our 2022s. A healthy dose of the 2023 Block 18E 338 Clone provides a precision and minerality that perfects the length and finish.

Cellaring:	4 – 28 Years
Production:	68 Cases
Price:	\$300 / 750ml

