

2022 SIGNATURE COLLECTION SILVER

BY CALDWELL, NAPA VALLEY

Vintage:	Fourteenth
Composition:	41% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Syrah 14% Merlot, 9% Malbec, 1% Marselan
Clones:	169, 181, 214, 332, 341, 337, 338, 470, Estrella, 595 and 877
Appellation:	Coombsville, Napa Valley, CA
Vineyard:	Caldwell Vineyard, Kreuzer Vineyard
Vineyard Blocks:	Caldwell Block 3, 8, 14, 15, 17 and Kreuzer
Yield:	3.0 Tons per Acre on Average
Average Vine Age:	30 Years
Grape Varieties:	See Composition Section
Rootstock:	Several
Harvest Date:	Many

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 (Jupilles, Bercé)
Aging:	22 Months in Barrel
New Oak Barrels:	75%
Fining:	None
Filtering:	None
Alcohol:	14.9%
Bottled on:	August 13, 2024

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: I think the 2022 Silver may be the most elegant and beautiful wine of the entire Caldwell lineup this vintage. Wonderfully mineral-driven, it is simultaneously intensely fruit forward, with dusty blue and black berries. Alongside the classic Bercé sweet oak from Ramiro is a special new aromatic, from the Marselan variety – one we have never used before. It brings a certain je ne sais quoi that I can't put my finger on, but which elevates the already complex Bordeaux blend. Somewhat atypical with Cabernet Sauvignon dominant in the blend, this Silver gained the elegance and linearity required to tame the intense and broad Cabernet Franc from block 17. This is a real powerhouse of a wine, but with unparalleled freshness for the hot vintage.

Cellaring:	2 – 22 Years
Production:	198 Cases
Price:	\$200 / 750ml