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2022 Righteous Red Blend

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Release Date	Fall 2024
Vineyard Location	Lake County – Big Valley, California
Varietal Composition	93% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc
Viniculture	Alcohol = 15.0% pH = 3.85 TA = 5.8

Winemakers notes

Our 2022 Righteous is a wine produced with the Right Bank Bordeaux style in mind. This wine is a Merlot-dominant blend and showcases the rich elegance of one of our favorite varietals.

The Merlot grapes are from the Hanson Ridge Vineyard, while the Cabernet Franc grapes were chosen from the Steele Vineyard located north of Napa in Lake County. Each of these vineyards is expertly farmed using sustainable farming practices.

The grapes were fermented separately in small lots at cool temperatures. This cooler method creates a longer fermentation that accentuates the fruit flavors while adding complexity. To avoid the extraction of harsh tannins, no pumps were used until after the wine was pressed off the skins. The bins were hand-punched daily and gently stirred.

Harvest Date: 9/28/2022 Cabernet Franc, the Merlot 10/12/2022.

Cases produced: 56

Bottled May 15th, 2024

Tasting Notes

The 2022 Wandering Cellars Righteous is a red blend that boasts rich fruit flavors and a soft, smooth mouth feel with lower tannins and acidity. It presents a powerful, beautiful nose with delightful notes of vanilla and caramel. The wine opens with an exotic blend of dark plum, black cherry, black currant, and hints of herbs and warm spices. On the palate, blackberries and cherries tease the senses before unfolding into a broad, mouth-filling experience characterized by soft tannings, elegance, and focused on progression from start to the long, lingering finish.

This wine is balanced and can age gracefully for a decade, though it can also be enjoyed now with decanting recommended before drinking.

