



2022 SEAQUELLE

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

SeaQuelle is the newest chapter in our Bordeaux-inspired story — a Right Bank-style Meritage that places Merlot at center stage. Crafted from all five noble Bordeaux varieties, this wine is a refined counterpart to our Cabernet Sauvignon-based blend, The Mariner. SeaQuelle reflects our continued innovation with Bordeaux grapes and the exceptional quality Merlot can achieve in Dry Creek Valley. Its name is both a nod to our nautical roots and a tribute to the next generation's vision for the future of our Bordeaux program.

GROWING SEASON

The 2022 harvest was compressed, starting with an early budbreak in the spring. A heatwave at the beginning of September accelerated ripening and shifted the timeline of a significant number of vineyards, setting the earliest recorded picks in the history of our family winery, particularly for red varieties. Fortunately, some rain following the heatwave mitigated the increase in sugars, resulting in a high-quality, yet short and intense harvest that spanned just 44 days. We are pleased with this vintage — cluster and berry sizes were down, but aromatics and flavors in the wines are abundant!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

SeaQuelle opens with expressive aromas of blueberry pie, ripe plum, blackberry and black cherry, layered with cocoa powder, subtle notes of leather, cardamom and allspice. On the palate, the wine shows excellent concentration and depth, with flavors of blueberry, black currant and blackberry unfolding alongside chai tea, toasty oak, cranberry sauce and cocoa powder. The texture is smooth and well composed, with fine, polished tannins providing structure and balance through a long, harmonious finish.

BLEND

65% Merlot
13% Cabernet Franc
13% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Petit Verdot
4% Malbec

FERMENTATION

12–16 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

17 months in French and Hungarian
oak; 31% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

BRIX | 24.9

PH | 3.48

TA | 6.4 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 7–23, 2022

VINE AGE | 10–30 years

SOILS

Hillside vineyards with gravelly soils

PREVIOUS VINTAGE:

92
POINTS

WINEENTHUSIAST

93
POINTS

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