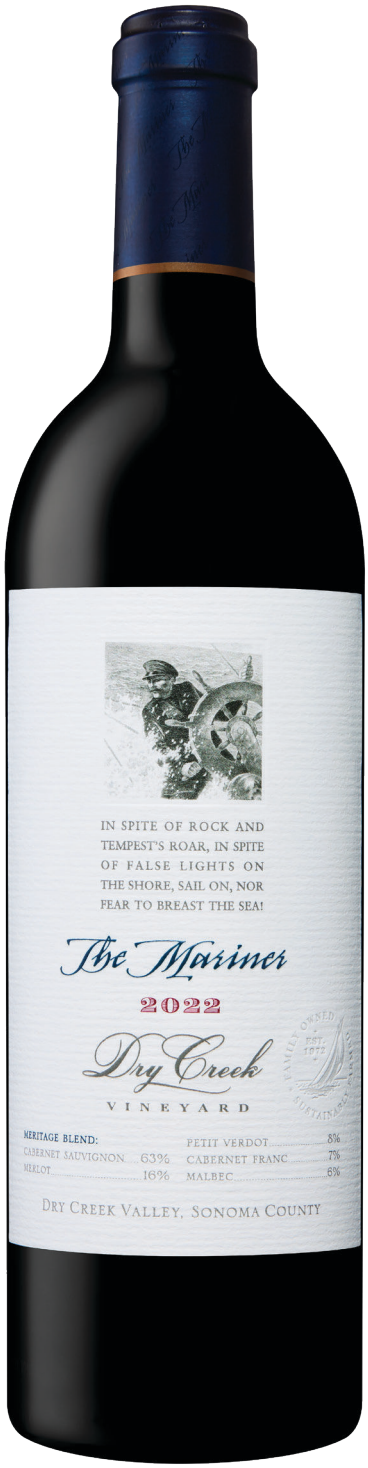
Dry Creek VINEYARD

2022 THE MARINER

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

The Mariner is a powerful, yet elegant Meritage made in the tradition of some of the world's greatest Bordeaux blends. We call this proprietary blend "The Mariner" because just as a mariner navigates his ship, so too must our winemaker navigate his way through a vintage. This wine is the culmination of years spent working with different vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley, including our own estate DCV9 Endeavour property. The Mariner represents our vision to produce the finest Meritage wine from the Dry Creek Valley using the five noble Bordeaux varieties.

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

At first swirl, the wine displays aromas of black currant, cranberry, black cherry and boysenberry. Several more minutes reveal hints of damp earth, cedar and dark chocolate. The palate has dark berry flavors along with earthy complexity and savory tones. It finishes with notes of cocoa powder, fine leather and cinnamon. Good acidity will help this wine to age beautifully for years to come.

BLEND

63% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Merlot
7% Cabernet Franc
8% Petit Verdot
6% Malbec

FERMENTATION

3 day cold soak; fermented at 82–88˚F; 11–17 average total days on skins; pumped over twice daily; extended maceration on select lots

BARREL AGING

19 months in French and Hungarian oak; 44% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 24.2

PH | 3.56

TA | 6.5 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 7–29, 2022

VINE AGE | 13–27 years

SOILS

Gravelly loam on rolling hills, high iron content at some sites

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