



2022 CALLUNA VINEYARDS CUVÉE

The 2022 Calluna Vineyards Cuvée is meant to be an expression of our Chalk Hill appellation where great sunlight and a cool climate produces intense fruit in a wine with balancing acidity, round tannins and moderate alcohol levels. The blend expresses the power of Cabernet Sauvignon, elegance of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, and a bit of showiness from Malbec and Petit Verdot.

In 2022, the final blend for the Cuvée is comprised of:

38% Merlot
35% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Cabernet Franc
7% Petit Verdot
5% Malbec

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation
Chalk Hill

Harvest dates
Merlot: September 7 & 10
Cabernet Sauvignon: September 21, 29, 30
Petit Verdot: September 30
Malbec: September 16
Cabernet Franc: September 28

Winemaking
Hand-harvested, manually sorted and fermented with a traditional method in open-top tanks with temperature control.

Cooperage
21 months in 20% new French oak barrels

pH
3.77

Alcohol
13.9%

Production
958 cases

Release date
Fall 2025

Vintage

2022 will be remembered as a beautiful growing season which was impacted by severe heat over Labor Day. The vines had adequate rainfall going into budbreak and fruit set so that we set a nice crop. The growing season proceeded with the vineyard looking beautiful. Then, over Labor Day, we had a week of temperatures over 100 degrees with two days at 115 degrees — an unprecedented heat spike! And I remember being very depressed thinking the whole crop might be lost. Indeed, we did lose about 20% of the crop to desiccation of the grapes on the outside of the clusters. But once we culled out the compromised fruit during the harvest and on the sorting table, the resulting wines were surprisingly good. Our alcohols do run a little bit higher this year, but since Calluna is usually moderate in that regard, the wines are still in good balance. I think this will be a popular vintage for us.

ABOUT CALLUNA VINEYARDS

Calluna Vineyards took root in Sonoma County in 2005 with 12-acres in the Chalk Hill appellation planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. From its advantageous hillsides overlooking the Russian River Valley, Chalk Hill is known for its mild climate and soils of clay underlain with fractured shale and sandstone. Five more acres were added in 2014, including Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon for the production of our white wine, Calluna Estate Blanc.

DAVID A. JEFFREY, *Winemaker and Founder*

After 20 years of studying and collecting the wines of Bordeaux and California, David moved to the West Coast and enrolled in Fresno State's Enology program in 2001. Determined to make his dream a reality, David spent 3½ years studying winemaking and grape growing as he completed his degree and worked at Chateau Quinault in Bordeaux, France.