



HILL FAMILY

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2022 “Windy Flats” Cabernet Sauvignon

Production: 254 6/pks

Composition: 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petite Sirah and 1% Malbec

Vineyard: Windy Flats

Cooperage: 20 months in 40% new Tonnellerie O and Remond Centre

Alcohol: 15%, TA 5.7, pH 3.75

Bottling date: May 30, 2024

Release date: February 2025

Release price: \$125.00

The Hill Family owns a remarkable vineyard, carved out of the western wall of Wooden Valley. The steep hills and rocky soils make the Cabernet Sauvignon work hard to produce fruit each year, but the reward is rich and intense wine. Wind and fog pour down over the vineyard from Napa, concentrating the flavors. 2022 was a rollercoaster year with a few late rains, a few random frosts, and 6 major hot spells starting in early June! By September 5, our first lot of fruit was harvested, and the second lot was harvested on September 13. Sugars went up so fast that the flavors were still fruity with big black cherry and cassis. After 4 days of cold soaking the first lot was fermented at 90°. It was then pressed off at 5 Brix, and the wine finished fermenting in barrels to give extra layers of depth and complexity. The block 5 lot was fermented in T-bins at 82° and pressed off at 2 Brix and then put to barrel.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The focused aromas of blackberry compote and raspberry preserves lead the charge. Soft and juicy on entry, this wine is full-bodied and generous. Being true to the site, this powerful Cabernet Sauvignon has great depth with a core of sweet, lush summer fruit that plays well with the toasty vanilla and black licorice flavors. The tannins are youthful, but integrated and supple. Ready now, but you'll be rewarded with a little time in the cellar.