



2022 MERITAGE “ALLUVIAL GAP”

Dry Creek Valley

HISTORY

This exquisite Meritage was inspired by our decades of working with Bordeaux varieties planted in the different districts and vineyards within Dry Creek Valley. Five decades of experience have provided the knowledge of which properties can provide the best fruit our region can offer. This delicious blend features fruit from specific vineyard sites within the Lytton Springs district of Dry Creek Valley, including our iconic Endeavour Vineyard.

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

The 2022 Meritage “Alluvial Gap” opens with aromas of ripe black currant, black cherry and plum, layered with notes of black and white pepper, cinnamon, nutmeg and cocoa powder. Subtle hints of black olive, fine leather, dried herbs and wet gravel add savory complexity. On the palate, flavors of black currant, black cherry and plum are joined by accents of mixed peppercorns, cardamom, dark chocolate, espresso and toffee, with undertones of tar, leather and mineral notes. The mouthfeel shows good depth, weight and length, with richness balanced by youthful tannins that will soften beautifully with time.

BLEND

79% Cabernet Sauvignon
16% Petit Verdot
5% Cabernet Franc

FERMENTATION

12–17 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

20 months in French, Hungarian &
American oak; 40% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 24.9

PH | 3.64

TA | 6.4 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 17–28, 2022

VINE AGE | 21–23 years

SOILS

Gravelly, clay loam

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre

RELEASE DATE

October 2025

