



# BLACK STALLION

ESTATE WINERY

Located on the historic Silverado Trail in Napa Valley's Oak Knoll District, Black Stallion Estate Winery pays homage to the rich history of the 32-acre estate which was once home to the Silverado Equestrian Center. The property was purchased in 2010 by the Indelicato family, a fourth-generation family-owned company founded in 1924. Sourcing from the most prestigious vineyards, the winery is committed to making only the most expressive wines.

## TASTING NOTES

Our Limited Release Majestic Shadow 2022 Napa Valley Red Wine Blend highlights the wealth of grape growing in Napa Valley. The Cabernet Sauvignon is the main component of this blend and adds bold dark fruit flavors as well as layers of intense complexity and structure. The Malbec and Merlot soften and round out the blend, with brighter fruit and lower tannin levels. The Cabernet Franc adds a firm backbone with nice acidity. On the nose, the aromas are cassis, sandalwood, and clove. The flavors deliver notes of ripe blackberry and dark cherry. The tannins are broad, medium-weight, and smooth. The finish is rich and elegant.

—*Winemaker Ralf Holdenried*

## VINTAGE

The 2022 growing season in Napa Valley was nearly ideal. There were some continuing effects of the ongoing drought, but most viticulturists were able to deftly manage their irrigation regimes to adapt. At the beginning of September there was a record-breaking heat wave, some Napa Valley locations experienced temperatures over 115 degrees Fahrenheit for nearly a week. This extreme heat sped up ripening in most varieties and led to an early and compact harvest.

## VINEYARD

The grapes for 2022 vintage come from amazing Valley and Mountain fruit growers from across the world renowned Napa Valley, including the Oak Knoll District and Rutherford. The Valley appellation fruit offers a lush and smooth texture that allows red wines to be enjoyed younger. The Mountain fruit from appellations like Atlas Peak give the wine greater structure, color and concentration.

## WINEMAKING

Our fruit for this blend is handpicked during the cool early morning hours at optimal ripeness. Upon arrival at the winery, the fruit is hand sorted before it is destemmed into small fermentation tanks, keeping lots separate. After three days of cold soaking, the must is gently warmed, and yeast was added to initiate fermentation. Gentle 'pump-overs' and punchdowns occurred many times during the 14-21-day primary fermentation, allowing for maximum extraction of fruit flavor, color, and tannin from the skins. We then allowed the free run wine to gravity flow from the skins directly to barrel. The skins were gently pressed, the wine going to barrels to mature separately. Portions of wine were allowed to mature for 17 months in oak barrels (63% new French Oak) before being blended and prepared for bottling.

VINTAGE: 2022 • APPELLATION: *Napa Valley*

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: ~41% *Cabernet Sauvignon*, ~28% *Merlot*,  
24% *Cabernet Franc*, ~6% *Malbec*

BARREL AGING: *17 months in French Oak Barrels (63% new)*

RS: 0.27 g/100ml • PH: 3.65g • TOTAL ACID: 0.58 g/100ml • ALCOHOL BY VOL: 15%



## 2022 MAJESTIC SHADOW LIMITED RELEASE NAPA VALLEY

RED WINE BLEND

