

J·DAVIES

2022 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Diamond Mountain District

The Davies family, proprietors of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards in Napa Valley, presents its twenty-second vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon crafted from the historic Diamond Mountain property they purchased in 1965. The estate vineyards were replanted to Bordeaux varietals beginning in 1994, and the J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon was first released in 2004 (2001 vintage). This offering is the creation of two generations of the Davies family, the product of an intimate knowledge of this property, reflecting their passion to craft delicious red wine. The wine is named in honor of patriarch Jack L. Davies, who along with his wife, Jamie, revived the Schramsberg property and established the preeminent American sparkling wine house 60 years ago.

The vineyard blocks, totaling 46 acres, are laid out in four isolated pockets ranging from 500 to 1000 feet in elevation. They include the two Schram sections, Napa Valley's first hillside vineyards, originally planted in 1862 by Jacob Schram, the McEachran parcel, first planted by Colin McEachran in 1878, and the Claes parcel, dating back to 1984. These are the southernmost vineyards in the Diamond Mountain District AVA. Flanked by two cool creek canyons (Nash Creek to the north and Ritchie Creek to the south) and surrounded by compact coniferous and deciduous forests, the vines here produce late-ripening, richly concentrated fruit with average yields of just two tons per acre.

The 2022 vintage began with over 20 inches of rain from October to December, followed by mostly dry conditions from January to March. After a frosty spring and some hail events, we welcomed a warmer summer. A record-breaking September heat wave kicked harvest into full swing. This distinctive weather pattern contributed to the diverse flavor profile for which Napa Valley cabernets are celebrated, ranging from vibrant and elegant to dense and powerful.



Tasting Notes

“Our 2022 J. Davies Estate Cabernet Sauvignon has an aromatic nose, with layers of blueberry and blackberry, mixed with black tea, anise, and dark mint chocolate. The palate is juicy, with a cherry mocha entry and notes of raspberry. It has a structured, sturdy finish with a flash of red berry acidity.”

*- Winemakers JP Pierce, Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies
- Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch*

Varietal Composition:	79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc
Appellation:	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley, Estate Grown
Vineyard:	J. Davies Estate
Barrel Aging:	23 months in 53% new French oak
Coopers:	Atelier, Damy, Darnajou, Orion
Alcohol:	15.0%
TA:	0.51 g/100 mL
pH:	3.85
Harvest Dates:	September 13 - October 17, 2022
Bottling Date:	September 6, 2024
Release Date:	October 1, 2025
Cases Produced:	1,040 (9 liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$150
Available Formats:	750 mL, 1.5 L, 3 L

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