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2022 MAYA

55% CABERNET FRANC, 45% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,

HARVEST DATE: 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2024

OAK AGING: 22 MONTHS, 75% NEW OAK, 100% FRENCH

The 2022 growing season commenced with a dry January and February, leading to an early budbreak in early March due to mild temperatures and scant rainfall. This early start was followed by a warm April and tempered by a cool and rainy May. Bloom occurred at the end of April, while the first signs of veraison emerged in early July. The fluctuating temperatures, ranging from cool and foggy to hot and dry, extended veraison for nearly a month. A warm August transitioned into a sweltering early September, marked by a ten-day heatwave that hastened the vineyard's ripening. Thanks to the expertise and commitment of our in-house farming team, we harvested everything swiftly and efficiently. The resulting 2022 wines reflect the site's warmth and the vibrant character of the vintage.

The 2022 Maya is a rare iteration of 55% Cabernet Franc and 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, this blend composition has not been done since 1989. The aromatics displays an enchanting bouquet that captivates the senses. The initial impression is a delightful interplay of clove and violet, where the warm spice harmonizes beautifully with the floral notes. On the palate, the fruit is ripe yet balanced, with notes of blackberry and dark fruits, offering a vibrant core that is invigorating and inviting. A hint of musk weaves through the profile, adding an intriguing depth that beckons further exploration. The seamless tannins in this wine create a luxurious mouthfeel, gracefully supporting the rich fruit while allowing the complexity to shine. As the flavors unfold, notes of licorice and mocha emerge, enriching the experience with their dark, seductive

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character. These elements lend an indulgent sweetness that perfectly complements the fruit-forward nature of the blend. The finish is long and resonant, echoing the flavors of dried herbal tones that linger on the palate. This subtle herbal nuance adds an elegant sophistication, grounding the wine and enhancing its multifaceted profile. Aged for 22 months in 75% new oak, Bottled July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024.