

## **Harvest & Varietal Information**

VINTAGES: 2021, 2022

VINEYARD LOCATIONS: 32% Spring Mountain District, 44 % Oakville, 23% Alexander Valley

RELEASE DATE: September 1, 2026

Our intention with the Cain Cuvée has not wavered since the very first, more than thirty years ago. And in 1998, it became even more focused with the inception of blending two vintages. This is a wine for the table, meant to enhance your meal, not to make a statement all about itself. Thus as we have written now for many years on the back label, it is "Harvested, Vinified, and Blended for Freshness, Lightness, Complexity, and Balance."

In the NV22, for the first time, we have ventured across the mountain to our neighbor, Sonoma, where we've found some beautifully grown Cabernet Sauvignon at the top of Alexander Valley. This, combined with Merlot grown on the valley floor, provides a silky-fruity backdrop to the distinctively aromatic wines of Spring Mountain.

Also, the NV22 illustrates perfectly the way in which two vintages blended together can complement one another. 2021 was cool year of slow gentle ripening—our favorite—yielding beautifully balanced and nuanced wines. These early pickings giving us some lovely, light, perfumed wines, perfect for Cain Cuvée. Then came a much warmer vintage in 2022. For us at Cain who have a long practice of harvesting relatively early, everything worked out, giving us some generous wines, a nice complement to 2021.

The Cain Cuvée is a beautiful wine of surprising complexity and depth that will age easily for another decade or more. But don't wait. You'll find it delicious today with dishes as diverse as grilled fish, oven-roasted chicken, pasta and red sauce, or even a casual steak-frites. *Bon appétit!* 

Christopher Howell, Wine-Grower

## **About Cain Vineyard & Winery**

Cain Vineyard & Winery overlooks St. Helena from the top of Spring Mountain in the western mountains of the Napa Valley. The estate vineyard is planted to the classic set of five varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Petit Verdot.

For information on our signature blend, Cain Five, visit www.CainFive.com