



MIDNIGHT
CELLARS

2022 RESERVE SYRAH

PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA

TASTING NOTES

A dark purple hue hints at the depth and power within this Syrah. The nose is rich and layered, offering aromas of blueberry syrup, chocolate, and vanilla, accented by pipe tobacco, blueberry pancakes, and a touch of refined leather.

On the palate, a silky mouthfeel carries flavors of toasted marshmallow, caramel, and blueberry crème brûlée. Full-bodied and expressive, the wine unfolds with warm notes of nutmeg and baking spices, balanced by a chalky mineral texture. Vibrant structure supports the richness, leading to a long, clean finish that lingers with elegance. This Reserve Syrah is a natural match for grilled lamb, smoky barbecue, or slow-braised short ribs. Enjoy now for its luxurious intensity, or cellar through 2032 to unlock deeper layers of complexity.

WINEMAKER	Rich Hartenberger
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Willow Creek Syrah
COOPERAGE	100% new French oak
AGING	30 months
pH/TA	3.40 / 6.40 g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR	0.15%
ABV	16.3%
PRODUCTION	44 cases

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season at Midnight Cellars tested both vineyard and team. Following California's ongoing climate trends, water shortages persisted throughout the year, adding early stress to the vines. As harvest approached, a twelve-day heatwave at the end of August and into September pushed ripening into overdrive, forcing our crew to work at a relentless pace. Just as the heat broke, an untimely rainstorm arrived in mid-September, adding yet another layer of challenge. Compounding matters, labor shortages across the region made picking windows even tighter. Fortunately, we were able to bring in the majority of our fruit before the heat and rain could compromise quality. The result was a smaller yield than usual, but with fruit of exceptional concentration and character.

Despite the adversity, 2022 produced wines that are vibrant, complex, and expressive—proof that resilience in the vineyard translates to beauty in the glass.

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