



## **2022 Loam Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County**

Production: 171 cases  
Appellation: Sonoma County  
Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Soils: Positas, Suther, Clough  
Alcohol: 14.57 % by volume  
Aging: 16 months in oak barrels, 100% French

### **Winemaker Notes**

Loam embodies our pursuit of the perfect expression of a wine. Great wine originates in the vineyard, and great vineyards originate in the soil. Most world-renown viticultural regions consist of loam soils and Sonoma County is no exception. Within the loam family of soils is an array of classifications, or “series,” identified and cataloged by four distinctive features: composition, depth, slope and geographic location. Our family grows Cabernet in 23 of the distinct Loam soil types, yet I felt that only three were worthy of the “Grand Cru” distinction.

The 2022 Loam Cabernet Sauvignon is our proprietary blend of grapes sourced from vineyards planted in Positas, Suther and Clough soils. It is composed of fruit from the best vineyards, grown in the best soil, from the best appellations. Perfectly structured, Loam balances the brightness and focused tannins of hillside fruit with the dense, rich characteristics of fruit grown in the ancient riverbed and valley floor soils. Loose clusters revealed lower yields early in the 2022 growing season (the result of fewer post-bloom flowers being fertilized). Then, high temperatures in early September drove concern about elevated sugar levels. However, increased vineyard visits and constant communication allowed us to manage these factors and perfectly time harvest so the Cabernets from this vintage exude beautiful freshness with accessible layers of detailed fruits.

Our 2022 Loam is incredibly expressive with aromas of crushed ripe black cherry and blueberry, fresh violet blossom, vanilla pod shavings, warm sweet pie crust and intricately woven dried herbs. Great freshness with lush, silky tannins makes this energetic Cabernet quite accessible for such a young wine. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, it still, however, carries its hallmark length and finesse. This beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon will age gracefully for 10+ years.