

# Baldacci

FAMILY VINEYARDS  
NAPA VALLEY

## 2022 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon

Diamond Mountain District | Napa Valley



### The Wine

Sourced from Block 3 of our Stella Knight Vineyard, nestled at the base of the Diamond Mountain District, this wine is a standalone expression of the unique qualities of this appellation. The porous soil and steep slope of Block 3 reduce water retention and challenge the vines to deepen their search for moisture, subtly infusing the grapes with minerality. Given the fruit's robust concentration and texture, I favor a higher new oak usage, embracing the wine's boldness and ensuring its character fully emerges.

### The 2022 Growing Season

The 2022 growing season began with early budbreak and was marked by warm, sunny conditions throughout the summer. While September brought some unpredictability, the season yielded red wines of impressive depth and balance. The vintage showcases vibrant fruit character alongside well-integrated structure, offering exceptional quality.

### Tasting Notes

The 2022 Diamond Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon opens with notes of blackberry compote and crushed red currant, layered with notes of graphite, baked earth, tobacco, and a hint of wild herbs. Firm, well-integrated tannins provide a strong backbone, while a vibrant acidity ensures balance and freshness. The wine finishes with a long, savory persistence, capturing the essence of Diamond Mountain's rugged terrain. This vintage offers exceptional appeal now and promises remarkable evolution in the cellar.

-Michael Baldacci, Winemaker

Accolades	93 James Suckling, 92 Wine Enthusiast, 91 Wine Advocate
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley
Vineyard	Stella Knight
Harvest Date	September 16 - 26, 2022
Cooperage	20 months in 75% new French oak barrels
Bottling Date	July 2, 2024
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	5.5 g/L
pH	3.46
Production	80 cases (12 x 750ml)
Aromas & Flavors	Blackberry, red currant, graphite, tobacco, baked earth, bay leaf

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## Stella Knight Vineyard

### Vineyard Statistics

Acres: 17 total acres, 8 vine acres

Baldacci Owned: Yes

Vineyard Name: Stella Knight

Appellation: Calistoga & Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

Climate: Daytime summer temperatures may peak above 100°F and fall to low 40s°F at night due to cool afternoon and evening breezes drawn in from the Chalk Hill Gap from the Pacific.

Elevation: 300 to 1200 feet

Rainfall: up to 60 inches annually.

Soils: Range from rocky, stony loam on the hillsides, to gravelly or cobbly loams on the alluvial fans

Vineyard Blocks: 3

Clone: 6

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon

