

In 1983, Tony and Herta (HB) Peju purchased thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. PEJU remains family-owned with Tony and HB's two daughters Ariana and Lisa guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh ideas while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began over 40 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.



# 2022 Making of a Vineyard, Napa Valley

# **INSPIRATION**

Created exclusively for our Club PEJU members, 'Making of a Vineyard' pays homage to the 1993 vineyard replanting led by Tony Peju and Manuel Corona. During the 1990s, nearly two thirds of Napa Valley vineyards were replanted due to phylloxera, a pest that causes vines to weaken. Manuel is was the first employee at PEJU and worked alongside Tony for forty years!

# VINTAGE

The 2022 Napa Valley vintage is described as "the tale of two harvests," marked by unique weather challenges. The white and red wine harvests began in quick succession, with triple-digit September heat followed by rain halting the frantic pace. The grapes enjoyed extended hang time through October, benefiting from mild weather to reach peak ripeness. Winemakers celebrate this vintage for its remarkable diversity—red wines boast rich color, velvety tannins, and expressive fruit aromas, capturing Napa Valley's signature spectrum from bright and lively to bold and intense.

# **TASTING**

A harmonious blend of Malbec and Petit Verdot, this wine entices with a lush palate and round mouthfeel. Ripe plum takes center stage, layered with notes of toasty vanilla that add warmth and depth. A velvety texture and soft tannins create a smooth, lingering finish. Bold and expressive, this wine showcases depth, richness, and complexity.

#### **DETAILS**

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Composition:** 96% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot

Oak: French & American oak, 48% new

Aging: 18 months
Harvest: September 2022
Release: April 2025
Winemaker: Sara Fowler

Alcohol: 14.9%