



IMPLICIT
CELLARS



Oakville AVA, Napa Valley

207 Cases Produced

Alcohol % 15.3

Harvest Dates Sept/Oct 2022

Bottling Date 7/29/2024

22 months in 66% New French Oak

Drinking Window: 2025–2040

2022 INNUENDO Cabernet Sauvignon

innuendo ~ a subtle hint

Created from a blend of the juice from our flagship wines as well as other iconic Napa Valley vineyards, INNUENDO is a complex Cabernet Sauvignon that is very approachable in its youth but will age gracefully over 10 – 15 years. The flavors expressed in INNUENDO provide a *subtle hint* of what to expect from the ACUITY and PRIVITY Cabernet Sauvignons.

The 2022 grape harvest in Oakville, Napa Valley, was a season of contrasts, marked by both challenges and high-quality fruit. After a wet winter, the region faced a heatwave during the summer, which caused some vine stress and uneven ripening. However, Oakville's diverse terroir helped many vineyards navigate these extremes, leading to a harvest that began earlier than usual in early September. The Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville's signature varietal, showed concentrated flavors and firm tannins, while other Bordeaux varietals also benefited from the smaller berries and intense fruit expression. Despite the challenges, the '22 vintage promised wines with great depth and complexity, showcasing the resilience of Napa Valley's growers.

Winemaker Notes: The '22 INUENDO Cabernet offers a captivating bouquet that immediately draws you in with its intriguing aromatics. The nose is a delightful blend of dried cherries, aromatic Danish Cavendish tobacco, sweet clove, and a touch of French Oak vanillin. These layered scents create a warm, playful, and inviting profile, suggesting both depth and refinement.

On the palate, the wine delivers a strikingly ripe cherry entry, immediately capturing attention with its focused and rich fruit character. The mid-palate is beautifully structured, showcasing a seamless transition from the bold fruit to more subtle nuances, with an elegant balance of richness and freshness. The finish is where this wine truly shines—it tapers off gracefully, leaving a smooth, lingering impression of dark cherry and delicate oak nuances.

This Cabernet is well-rounded, offering a harmonious blend of fruit, spice, and oak, and it shows a refined elegance that promises to evolve beautifully with age. A fantastic expression of Cabernet Sauvignon that is both complex and effortlessly enjoyable.

~ Kirk Venge