

FLINT KNOLL

2022 Spring Mountain

Napa Valley - Spring Mountain, Keenan Vineyard | **Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 7 & 15) | **Alcohol:** 15% | **Élevage:** 20 months in 75% New French Oak | **Case Production:** 200 | **Winemaker:** Philippe Melka

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage began smoothly, with a welcome relief from a three-year drought, courtesy of plentiful rainfall at the end of 2021 and into the beginning of the year. Budbreak arrived early, and while there were intermittent heat spikes throughout the summer, nothing was quite as dramatic as the extreme temperatures that descended on the Valley over Labor Day weekend. Supported by a deep root system, Keenan's Big K Vineyard handled the heat exceptionally well, maintaining sugar levels instead of experiencing a sudden increase as might be expected. We harvested our block by hand in the early morning hours on September 17th. This vintage yielded attractive, powerful wines with concentrated fruit and finely integrated tannins.

BACKGROUND

About the brand: Founded in 2016 by Aaron and Meredith Michaelis, Flint Knoll is a boutique luxury Napa Valley wine brand that crafts limited-production, site-specific wines made by world-renowned winemaking team Philippe Melka and Maayan Koschitzky.



TASTING NOTES

Our take on Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon from Keenan's Big K vineyard, shows its elegance and beauty layer by layer. This deep purple /ruby-hued wine offers a classic Spring Mountain bouquet of brambly blackberries, raspberries, wildflowers, dried herbs, walnuts and Connecticut tobacco. It has a savory, dense palate that is full-bodied, layered, and complex with intense, yet smooth tannins. Clone 15 lends this wine its structure and ageability while our Clone 7 Cabernet lends the softer floral aromatics and silky tannins. It is the perfect balance between powerful and graceful.

BARRIQUE

The Flint Knoll aging program is built around the most coveted barrels that are accessible only through personal relationships with top cooperages. Collectively, these barrels provide for seamless oak integration and staggering complexity over a maturation period of 20-22 months. Dornajou, Taransaud and Remond.