# MARKHAM NAPA VALLEY VINEYARDS DISTRICT SERIES BLUE BOOTS RED BLEND 2022 CALISTOGA AVA, NAPA VALLEY



It's not uncommon to see our winemaker Kim Nicholls rocking her iconic blue boots and kicking around new ideas. This unique Blue Boots bottling celebrates Kim's creative spirit; always a blend from one singular Napa Valley AVA, but never the same year to year. For the 2022 Calistoga vintage, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot yields a nose of briary black raspberry and cherry jam, which jive with warm spice, toasty oak and distinct minerality.

"It seems I am always watching the sunrise while sampling this piece of heaven. Rocky soils dictate frequent visits to ensure the winds that drive through the canyon are kind, it is a balance of weather watching and constant tasting."

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

#### **CALISTOGA AVA**

- At the northern edge of the valley, Calistoga is one of the warmest and driest of Napa's sub-AVAs
- Bordered by mountains on three sides, soils are primarily volcanic
- Daytime temps of 95-100°F are moderated by tempering wind and fog that flow through the Chalk Hill gap, falling to low 40s at night



# **VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot

# ALCOHOL

14.8%

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3.70

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5.8 g/L

# **FERMENTATION**

100% Stainless Steel,18 Days Skin Contact

# **AGING**

18 Months in French Oak, 54% New

#### **BARRELS PRODUCED**

13

# **BOTTLING DATE**

July 2024

#### **RELEASE DATE**

March 2025

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