



# GUARDIAN CELLARS

## 2022 The Rookie

### Tasting Notes

This 100% Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is from our "Guardian" plantings at Quintessence Vineyard. Swirl and sniff, you will be met by notes of raspberry, rich coffee, and blackberry on the nose. Now sip, on the palate the wine focuses on notes of peppercorn, Himalayan pink sea salt, and a hint of caramelized sugar. Aged in 70% new French oak, this gorgeous wine is generous and silky. "This was the first wine I ever made and the one that really drew me into winemaking. This vintage is spectacular, rich, expressive, and velvety smooth. I'd pair it with a dry-aged New York steak," Jerry, winemaker and owner.

Release Date: September 2025



### Winemaking Notes

For the 2022 Vintage, the grapes in The Rookie were hand-harvested then destemmed into 1.5-ton fermenters. They were punched down, by hand, twice daily until pressing off to barrel. The wines finished malolactic fermentation in barrel. The wine components were blended after one year then aged another six months in barrel. The Rookie was lightly filtered prior to bottling. This wine spent six months aging in bottle prior to release.

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#### Blend

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### AVA

Red Mountain

#### Vineyards

Quintessence and Obelisco

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#### Barrel Coopers

Taransaud, Seguin Moreau, Radoux

#### Barrel Aging

22 months on 70% new French oak

#### Alcohol / Production

14.7% / 500 cases