

2022 Volcanic Hill

Planted in 1968, Diamond Creek Vineyards produces single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons that changed the destiny of Napa Valley wines.

Volcanic Hill (8 acres) is a south-facing hillside vineyard overlooking the creek. The soil is rhyolitic tuff - a light gray ash with veins of quartz originally deposited by ancient volcanic eruptions. The vineyard sits in the estate's warmest microclimate and produces some of the most powerful, long lived wines.

"Diamond Creek's fiftieth anniversary harvest! The third of three relatively dry years, 2022 brought us yields even lower than what we saw on the estate in 2021, which was already the lowest in decades. An unusually warm early September pushed harvest to its earliest start (and finish) on record at Diamond Creek, wrapping up with cooler weather at the end of the month. Once again we saw the small berries and concentrated juices we expect from low yielding vintages, offering wines with extraordinary texture and depth of flavor."

- Graham Wehmeier, Winemaker and Vineyard Director

- Harvested September 7th to September 17th, 2022
- Hand picked and sorted, gravity fed to a combination of small open top tanks and large barrels
- 10 to 21 day skin contact, followed by 19 months elevage in French oak barrels
- Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 5% Petit Verdot
- Notes (May 2025): Classic Cabernet from start to finish, balancing refinement and power. Appealing dark fruits and spice give way to sweet tobacco, cedar, and coffee as rounded tannins linger on the impressively long finish. 452 cases produced.

