

# THREAD FEATHERS

Year Founded: 2018

Region: Napa Valley, California

Owner/Winemaker: Neil M. Koch

Known for: Simply put, we source and produce high end wines, and provide them for a fraction of the cost.

Neil Koch has extensive history in the wine industry, with a diverse and wide-ranging industry background. He grew up in the Napa Valley, and before attending Fresno State for Enology and Viticulture, Neil interned under famed international wine consultant Philip Melka at Seavey Vineyards, Vineyard 29 and Bryant Family Vineyards in the Napa Valley. After gaining a foothold in the Napa Valley, Neil was hired as part of the winemaking team at Lewis Cellars in Napa. He helped craft multiple 90+ point Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Chardonnay over 3 vintages.

With 15 years in all aspects of the wine industry, I have created exclusive agreements with wine producers throughout California, Oregon and Washington. Through these networks, I'm able source small lots of high end wines and offer them to you for a reasonable price. I try to focus on delivering sub AVA wines at an incredible value. Typically, bottlings are around 100 to 500 cases, and once they're gone, they are gone.



## **Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2021/2022**

Located about 1200 ft on the slopes of Howell Mountain, this vineyard source is comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Yields are typically less than 2 tons per acre, insuring intense and concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon. **Organic!** 

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot. Grapes are hand-harvested, destemmed, and hand-sorted. Cold soak lasts for 3–5 days, followed by approx. 14 days of fermentation with three daily pump-overs. Fermented to dry on skins with an additional 12 days extended maceration to optimize the flavor, mouthfeel, and tannin structure of the wine. Drained, pressed and transferred to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and ageing. Aged for 22 months in 100% French oak (40% new).

On the palate, the wine displays excellent structure and balance. Ripe black fruits dominate the palate, providing a burst of flavors reminiscent of blackberries, dark cherries, and plums. The wine's firm tannins lend a pleasing grip, contributing to its age-worthiness. Notes of dark chocolate, toasted oak, and a hint of baking spices add layers of complexity and sophistication to the wine's profile. The acidity is vibrant, offering freshness and ensuring a long, elegant finish.





# Stag's Leap District Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petite Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc. Grapes were handpicked, and optically sorted around 25.5 brix throughout 2 vineyards within the Stag Leap District AVA. After a 3-day cold soak, tank temperatures were brought up to 95 degrees for maximum color extraction. After full extraction has been achieved, temperatures were brought down, cooling the tank and slowing the fermentation to capture the freshness and elegance of the fruit. We pressed "sweet" allowing the final stages of fermentation to take place in French oak barrel.

Offers dark, alluring, layered intensity with notes of black berry fruit alongside a rich, mouth-enveloping texture. This wine is classic Stags Leap District Cabernet, offering aromas and flavors of blackcurrant, cassis, dark raspberry and black cherry alongside delicate notes of cedar, allspice, graphite and espresso, backed up by more savory notes of olive tapenade and chaparral herbs. There is depth, finesse and elegance, interweaving power, grace and structure, full of velvety rich tannins and a long, lingering fresh finish.



#### **Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon 2022**

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, and 2% Cabernet Franc Grapes were handpicked, and optically sorted around 24.5 brix from the top of Spring Mountain District. After a 2-day cold soak, tank temperatures were brought up to 90 degrees for maximum balanced extraction. After full extraction has been achieved, temperatures were brought down, cooling the tank and slowing the fermentation to capture the freshness and elegance of the fruit. We pressed "sweet" allowing the final stages of fermentation to take place in French oak barrel.

Aromas of dusty graphite, crushed rock and dried herb linger with cocoa powder and coffee bean in this intensely concentrated, powerful, mountain-grown wine. Seamless, complex and structured, the palate offers a dense array of red and dark fruit flavors highlighted by cassis and tobacco leaf with hints of leather and blackberry compote. Soft, rich, and round, it delivers well-integrated, resolved tannin buoyed by a lively palate of bright acidity and a long-lasting finish.



## Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc. Grapes were handpicked and optically sorted around 24.5 brix from a vineyard off Galleron Road in the heart of Rutherford. After a 2-day cold soak, tank temperatures were brought up to 90 degrees for maximum balanced extraction. After full extraction has been achieved, temperatures were brought down, cooling the tank and slowing the fermentation to capture the freshness and elegance of the fruit. We pressed "sweet" allowing the final stages of fermentation to take place in French oak barrel.

The wine reveals its full-bodied nature with a velvety texture that coats the palate. Rich flavors of blackcurrant, plum and black cherry dominate, supported by refined tannins that lend structure and depth. There's a pleasing balance between fruit intensity and savory elements, with hints of dark chocolate, espresso and a touch of earthiness adding complexity. The acidity is vibrant, providing freshness and ensuring a long, lingering finish.