

## 2022 E.J. CHURCH SANGIOVESE PETER'S VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: Peter's Vineyard, Mountain Estate

VARIETAL: 100% Sangiovese

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

MATURATION: 18 months in 100% neutral French oak

**CASE PRODUCTION: 279** 

**FOOD AFFINITIES:** Fresh pasta and grass-fed beef ragu,

oven-roasted carrots with tarragon

## **WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:**

"In a lovely vale at the crossroads of our Mountain Estate sits the Sangiovese block for this inviting light red that has lush aromas of cherries, pomegranate seed, and dried hibiscus flowers. The mountain fruit acidity layers seductively with soft tannins revealing more floral notes on the palate. Versatile for wine enthusiasts and cuisine, this classic Italian varietal is easy to pair and share." – Justin Carr

## **GROWING SEASON:**

The 2022 vintage is a tale of two harvests. With a five-day triple-digit heat wave in September followed quickly by heavy rain, the harvest of most red varieties was paused until the end of October while the white varieties were all in prior to the heat wave. After the rain, grapes were left to hang and enjoyed mild weather days that allowed winemakers to wait for perfect ripeness. The intermission that defines this harvest will showcase the full range of flavors that Napa Valley wines are known for from crisp, fresh, and vibrant to dense, structured, and powerful.

## LONG MEADOW RANCH:

Owned by Ted, Laddie, and Christopher Hall, LMR employs an integrated, organic farming system, using simple, sustainable methods. Each part of the Ranch contributes to the health of the whole. Vineyards and wine making, olive orchards and olive oil making, cattle and horse breeding all work together in complementary fashion, as do the egg-laying poultry flock and the organic vegetable gardens. All crops are certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) and are grown without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or chemical fertilizers.