

BURGESS

2022 CONTADINA

THE STORY

The women of the Rossini and Poncetta families were true pioneers of Howell Mountain in the 1870s and 1880s, toiling to plant and train vineyards and harvest steep hillsides, just as their forebears did in the Swiss and Italian countryside. Their lives were not easy, and they laid the foundation for so much of what we do.

At Burgess, we honor them by naming a Cabernet Sauvignon for them: “Contadina” is the Italian word for female farmer.

VINEYARD SOURCE

We assemble Contadina Cabernet Sauvignon primarily from select blocks in our Sorenson Vineyard in the new Crystal Springs AVA, in between Howell Mountain and St. Helena AVAs, plus our Quartz Creek Vineyard, not far from the Sleeping Lady Vineyard, in Oak Knoll AVA.

HARVEST NOTES

It has always been our goal at Burgess to capture freshness and grace in our wines. We prune for low yields and work hard in the vineyard so that the fruit is ready to pick on the early side. And in September 2022, that was so critical. We were able to bring in all our grapes before the 10-day extreme heat event that effectively stopped ripening throughout the valley.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 is a balanced yet lively Cabernet Sauvignon with notes of ripe black currants and lush blackberries, accentuated with herbal aromatics of sage, mint, and sweet tobacco, and a long, velvety finish.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Varietal Composition:

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot,
4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

Aging Regimen:

Aged 22 months in 15% new French
oak barrique, 85% neutral French oak
barrique

AVA: Napa Valley

Alcohol: 13.8%

Cases Produced: 3,512 9L cases

SRP: \$65

