

BECKMEN VINEYARDS

2022 Cuvee Le Bec

52% Syrah, 33% Grenache, 12% Mourvèdre, 3% Counoise
Santa Ynez Valley AVA

Our largest single production, the Cuvee Le Bec has always been an incredible value wine in our portfolio. A red Rhone style blend of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Counoise, the core of the CLB is balance. Harvested from vineyards on both our Winery Estate and Purisima Mountain Vineyard, the wine is predominately Grenache and Syrah in most vintages with lesser portions of Mourvèdre and Counoise. Based on the Village wines of the Côtes du Rhône, the CLB shows great old-world complexity and elegance and ripe California fruit.

The Vintage

The 2022 season was defined by a few major events that shaped the quality and quantity of the vintage. The lack of rainfall and strong winds during bloom set the stage for a smaller than average crop. The middle of the season was uneventful until we were hit by a long heatwave in the first half of September. We harvested like crazy during this period and shortly after, and picked all whites, some rosé, and some young blocks of Syrah. The vines shut down for a bit as the weather cooled and normalized, so we waited until the second week of October to harvest the remaining blocks, finishing in the first week of November. As is the case with a small crop, the quality is high, but yields were down 35% overall, so we will be bottling much less of the 2022 vintage than the previous several vintages.

Technical Notes

75% Purisima Mountain Vineyard
25% Thomas & Judith Estate Vineyard
Harvested: September 14 - November 4
Alcohol: 14.8%
Case Production: 3,150

Winemaking

Clusters were hand-sorted, Syrah was berry sorted, destemmed then cold-soaked for 2-3 days
Fermented for 10-12 days with native yeast
Punched down by hand twice daily
21 Months aging:
25% new French oak
14% once- and twice-used oak
61% neutral oak

Sales

Released: July 2025
Drinking Window: 2025 – 2040
SRP: \$34
UPC Code: 713684977000

