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This is another fine set of new releases from Cornell and winemaker Elizabeth Tangney. The 2022 harvest took place from September 1 to 10. In tasting, what strikes me most about the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon is how much it retains its essential personality, even in a challenging and dramatic vintage. In its current incarnation, Cornell is a young estate, so reaching any conclusions is premature. That said, the ability of a vineyard to produce high-quality wines in all sorts of vintages is one of the attributes shared by the world's most elite vineyards. Barrel samples of the embryonic 2023s are also promising. Readers who appreciate mountain Cabernets made in a style that prizes finesse more than sheer power will adore these wines.

2022 ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

96 PTS

The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant and nuanced from the very first taste. Over the last year, the 2018 has developed from a powerhouse into a much more refined wine. There is plenty of mountain tannin and structure, but those elements are completely enrobed by the fruit. Hints of iron, cedar, dried herbs, mint and sweet red cherry fruit emerge with a bit of time in the glass. The 2018 is a very rare, quintessentially elegant mountain Cabernet. Best of all, the 2018 won't take years to come together. I would drink it ahead of the 2016 or 2017, but if opened young it needs several hours of aeration.

2022 COURTSHIP

91 PTS

The 2022 Courtship is a very pretty wine that's ideal for drinking over the near and medium term. It shows the softer side of the vintage, largely the result of a move toward more Merlot in the blend. Ripe black cherry, licorice, gravel, incense and grilled herbs develop with some coaxing. This is an exceptional second wine from Cornell, especially for the year.