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#### FIDELIO 2022 VINTAGE

Fidelio is sourced from Farella, our cool-climate Estate vineyard in the Coombsville AVA. We use three different vessels (and materials) to age Fidelio – demi-muid neutral oak barrels, concrete eggs, and terracotta amphoras. Each vessel contributes to Fidelio’s unique layers, complexities, and depth.

This wine is an example of continuous refinement. We added cross arms in the vineyard to create more dappled light around the fruit zone. We tweaked irrigation practices to optimize ripening. We installed a new white wine press in 2021 that provides for much more precise control of oxygen exposure during pressing. The result is a wine that captures perfectly the ethos of Realm – richness and freshness, at the same time. The 2022 marks the beginning of a new label for this wine.

**Blend:** Napa Valley AVA, 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Vineyard:** Farella Vineyard (Coombsville)

**Wine Profile:** Layered richness, beautiful texture, a full spectrum of fruits from fresh to tropical. Bright acidity, almost the perception of spiciness offset by plenty of richness. This wine leaves a lasting impression.

#### THE STORY BEHIND FIDELIO

Fidelio is the name of the only opera that Ludwig van Beethoven ever composed. Realm commissioned artist Silvia Ji to create both Fidelio labels. In the second, pictured here, Ji overpainted her first label, leaving hints of the initial label art with some of the flourishes. As she began working on the new label, Napoleon’s bicorne hat was auctioned off by Sotheby’s, which made it a natural addition to the artwork as a period reference.

