

2015 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

This Cabernet Franc pops out of the glass with aromas of blackberry jam, fresh blackberry, graphite, and star anise, followed by clove, and pepper notes. On the palate, this wine is full of fruit with lighter tannins and layers of red fruit and juicy berry. Age 5-8 years.

HARVEST & WINEMAKING

Harvest 2015 was one of our earliest years on record. The persistent California drought and a cool spring during bloom led to low yields in the vineyard and an early bud break. Careful irrigation and canopy management were key and allowed our growers to maximize quality and create beautifully ripe and balanced fruit. The wines resulting from the 2015 vintage are some of our favorite to date.

GRAPES:

Most of the grapes for this wine come from the Tonella Estate Vineyard, where three different clones of Cabernet Franc grow on rocky, reddish, well-drained soil. The Frediani Vineyard was also a vineyard source and is located in Calistoga. The Frediani Vineyard is nearly dry farmed and is managed by the same family that has been growing grapes in the area for 100 years.

WINE STATS

| Cases produced: | 1062 |
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| Alcohol: | 14.4% |
| TA: | 6.0 g/L |
| pH: | 3.72 |
| Blend: | 88% Cabernet Franc, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot |
| Appellation: | Napa Valley |
| Oak: | 45% New French Oak |
| Vineyard: | Tonella Estate Vineyard & Frediani Vineyard |
| Price | \$48 |
| Bottling Date: | June 2017 |