



TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

2017 CABERNET FRANC



Vintage: After 4 dry years, the 2017 harvest can be considered almost “normal”. Record winter rains finally provided some real drought relief; but bud-break still came about 1 week earlier than usual. Warm spring weather allowed for good berry set and a slightly below average crop. Hot summer and autumn temperatures quickly brought the fruit to maturity. Severe wild fires near the end of harvest made this a memorable vintage. The wines of 2017 are intense, but elegant with nice acidity and balance.

Vineyard: The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 acres of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Franc is planted in several different sites - on steep southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 21 to 35 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Sauvignon which grows on adjacent blocks is blended in to provide firmness, complexity, and added age ability.

Harvest: Oct. 1 – 4 • 24.7 °Brix • 3.49 pH • 6.6 g/L TA

Winemaking: All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. The lots were pressed after 14 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (40% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2019. The final blend is 95% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 12 – 15 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.56 pH • 6.1 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A floral nose of plum, boysenberry, and cassis; with hints of cedar, tobacco, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright flavors of red currants, berry jam, and cherry. Round tannins fill the palate and provide a pleasant finish of dried red fruit and spice.

Release Date: January 1st, 2020

Cases Produced: 340 cases

