



## 2019 29 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC



**Composition:** 92% Cabernet Franc, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Harvest Date:** October 14–15, 2019

**Barrel Age:** 20 months, 70% new, 100% French oak

**Cooperage:** St. Martin, Taransaud, Artisan, Ermitage

**Bottling Date:** June 1, 2021

**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**pH/TA:** 3.79 / 0.53

**Release Date:** Fall 2022

**Cases Produced:** 238

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**THE VINEYARD** The 29 Estate Vineyard sits on a hillside just at the “pinch” of Napa Valley’s hourglass shape. Planted in 2000, our small cabernet franc block lies on a northwest-facing slope at the southern edge of the 29 Estate —providing the gorgeous vineyard view from the winery’s terrace. A tree line provides afternoon shade in this stressed, rocky block that has incredible drainage, producing deeply concentrated fruit at harvest time.

**THE VINTAGE** The 2019 vintage was spectacular from start to finish. Some areas of Napa Valley recorded as much as 40-50 inches of much needed rain over the winter. The wet soils delayed budbreak and additional April rains provided a fully saturated environment for the vines. Spring weather was mild and ideal for fruit set and the summer of 2019 was phenomenal, for both the vines and the vineyard workers. Very few heat spikes and a long, drawn out growing season provided excellent, uniform ripening across all varietals.

**THE WINE** Lifted and varietally correct, the 2019 '29 Estate' Cabernet Franc has an amazing potpourri, dried floral, fresh tobacco leaf character that is classic Franc. The fruit profile plays between red and black cherry with dark olive, bay leaf, cigar box and incense notes throughout. The wine is concentrated yet elegant, fresh and balanced. The tannins are silky and fine grained contributing to the long, drawn out finish. Those looking for a high end estate red wine that is not Cabernet Sauvignon, will find great pleasure in the 2019 '29 Estate' Cabernet Franc.