



2022 29 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC



Composition: 95% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot

Harvest Date: September 7 – October 4, 2022

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

Cooperage: Taransaud, Artisan, Ermitage, Orion, Quintessance

Bottling Date: June 3, 2024

Release Date: October 1, 2025

Cases Produced: 285

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 2022 growing season began in early March following a few wet winter months, which set the stage for an excellent bud-break. Timing was in-line with the five-year average, and warmer temperatures during the last week of February helped to push smooth development across the valley. April was a bit cooler than average, and some vineyards had to be protected from potential frost damage, but things warmed up in May providing adequate conditions for bloom and fruit set. The summer months of the growing season were remarkably consistent with warm days and cool nights—a perfect diurnal weather pattern for flavor development and bright acidity. During Labor Day weekend, an unprecedented period of triple digit highs shocked the valley—nine days straight of triple digits. Several vineyards were harvested during or soon after the heat wave while others held strong into the first two weeks of October, when the last of the fruit made its way to the winery. Much of the late ripening fruit came from the Rutherford and Oakville areas.

THE WINE The 2022 Vineyard 29 Estate Cabernet Franc is a stunning expression of this noble varietal, marrying refined structure with vivid aromatics and depth. The nose is lifted and perfumed, showcasing ripe red plum, brambly blackberry, and black cherry, laced with violets, new leather, and crushed gravel. On the palate, the wine is silky yet powerful, with a finely textured core. Flavors of dark raspberry, blueberry compote, and spiced plum unfold alongside hints of anise, and roasted espresso bean. The tannins are firm but polished, providing structure without harshness, while vibrant acidity keeps the wine fresh and balanced throughout its long and resonant finish.