

## cultivar

CABERNET FRANC

NAPA VALLEY

2020

## 2020 Vintage Notes

The 2020 season will be remembered as historic. In Napa, a warm, dry winter didn't give way to rain and cold weather until the end of March. The mild spring season gave us a great early start, while summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. While the 2020 Napa Valley harvest proved to have its challenges, it is not without the hints of brilliance that define this magical area, the story of this vintage will continue to unfold over the years to come.

## 2020 Cabernet Franc Napa Valley

Cultivar's 2020 Cabernet Franc from Napa Valley raises the bar on a varietal typically used for blending. Aromas of plum, tobacco, and white pepper greet the nose, with none of the "bell pepper" that can overwhelm some Cabernet Francs. On the palate, there are layers of dark cherry, mushroom, black truffle, and traces of the rocky soil where this incredible fruit is sourced. The finish leaves a deep impression: there's a velvety balance of acid and tannins, and a complexity that can only be described as intellectually satisfying.

Cabernet Franc is one of our very favorite food-pairing wines. Try it with butternut squash soup, turkey with cranberry sauce, venison sausage, beef Bourgogne, and coq au vin.

Varietal 100% Cabernet Franc

Production 96 Cases

Appellation Napa Valley

 $Barrel\ Aging$  18 months, 100% French oak, 20% new

Alcohol 14.3%