



2016 Cabernet Franc Estate Grown Pocai Vineyard Calistoga, Napa Valley

Varietal Composition:

89% Cabernet Franc
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Malbec

Appellation:

Calistoga, Napa Valley

Harvest Date:

September 21st

Harvest Brix:

28.2°B

Barrel aging:

22 months in Oak, 75% French,
50% New

Finished Alcohol:

15.5%

pH:

3.64

Titratable acidity:

6.2 g/L



Winemaking Notes:

The Cabernet Franc are classically one of the last grapes we bring into the winery for the season. The tannins are mature and the flavors well-developed by the time we pick our Cabernet Franc. We use a rhone yeast selection to help highlight the floral and red fruit aspects of this wine. Aged in 50% new oak, the wine is given ample time for the tannins to combine and the palate to gain weight and structure. A combination of French and American oak are used to accent the spiciness of the wine and build middle palate structure.

Vineyard Notes:

These vines are planted on our rockiest vineyard location off of Maple Lane. The Pocai Vineyard is in one of the warmest locations in the Napa Valley, and it is ideal for ripening Cabernet Franc. Spring was very early once again in 2016, and the early bloom and good grape-growing weather producing an excellent grape crop. This Cabernet Franc shows its heritage and place with its deep color and concentrated body.

Tasting Notes:

The 2016 Cabernet Franc is dark, concentrated and delicious. The nose is brimming with apple, cherry jam and roses. There are scents reminiscent of maple syrup, vanilla and cream giving the wine an intense aromatic play. The mouthfeel is at once smooth and tannic, filling the mouth with a pleasing roundness. This wine has cherries and berries along with herbaceous and honey flavors. The finish mellows and the wine is smooth at the end. Flavors linger on the tongue for a long time.