

DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

2022 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

At Duckhorn Vineyards, we have been working with Napa Valley Cabernet Franc for over a quarter century, exploring its ability to add elegance and complexity to our blends and its capacity to produce stand-alone wines of stature and sophistication. Incorporating valley floor fruit with an emphasis on older vines, low yields and warmer vineyards, our Cabernet Franc offers beautiful varietal notes of dark cherry, raspberry and red currant with hints of tobacco leaf and graphite.

VINTAGE NOTES

Winter and spring provided ample rain, which allowed the vines to set a generous crop with excellent canopies. Budbreak arrived a little over a week early, and we enjoyed warm, steady weather throughout spring and summer. We began picking Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, and some Merlot as early as mid-August, but the first big push began after a Labor Day heat event, when our generous canopies paid dividends, helping shade the grapes. After a busy few weeks, a cool spell allowed the remaining grapes time to mature. To counter the impact of modest mid-September rains, we applied a careful fruit drop, and were equally diligent during sorting. Overall, harvest lasted eleven weeks, delivering wines with excellent concentration, supple tannins, lovely finesse and dynamic acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

This Cabernet Franc presents a captivating nose of blackberry, cola and violet, layered with a blend subtle spice. The palate is lively at the entry, with nuanced flavors of graphite providing structure and complexity, further refined by time spent in French oak. It concludes with a fresh, persistent finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	44% Three Palms Vineyard, 40% Cork Tree Vineyard, 11% Patzimaro Vineyard, 4% Monitor Ledge Vineyard, 1% Stout Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Franc
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 16 months in 100% French oak 50% new, 50% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
pH	3.64
ACIDITY	0.57 g/100 ml



THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO