



Truchard Vineyards

2005 Cabernet Franc

- Vintage:** Near perfect conditions throughout the spring of 2005 resulted in excellent berry set and a very large crop. Mild summer temperatures gradually ripened the fruit, allowing for extremely long “hang time”. The 2005 vintage produced elegant wines, with intense aromas, rich flavors, and beautiful structure.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 380 acres of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Franc is planted in several different sites - on steep southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 9 to 23 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Sauvignon which grows on adjacent blocks is blended in to provide firmness, complexity, and added age ability.
- Harvest:** Oct. 21 – Nov. 5 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.53 pH • 6.8 g/L TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 90° F. The lots were pressed after 14 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (40% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2007. The final blend is 95% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 10 - 15 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.65 pH • 6.0 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Rich aromas of blueberry, black cherry, and cassis; with a touch of cedar and sweet vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright flavors of red currant, cocoa, and ripe plum. Velvety tannins fill the palate and provide a lengthy finish of dried red fruit and spice.
- Release Date:** February 1, 2009
Cases Produced: 439 cases
Bottle Price: \$28.00