



## Truchard Vineyards

### 2007 Cabernet Franc

- Vintage:** 2007 was a dry, cool vintage that produced outstanding wines. A dry winter and spring allowed for a good set of exceptionally small berries. Cooler temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the lighter crop to full maturity. The wines of 2007 have intense fruit aromas and flavors, complexity, and great 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 11 to 25 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. 3 – 29 • 24.7 °Brix • 3.56 pH • 6.6 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 2009. 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 • 3.66 pH • 5.9 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** Aromas of blueberry, cassis, and black cherry; with a hint of cedar, tobacco, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is rich - with jammy flavors of plum, red currants, and cocoa. Ripe tannins fill the palate and provide a lengthy finish of dried red fruit and spice.
- Release Date:** September 1, 2010  
**Cases Produced:** 258 cases  
**Bottle Price:** \$28.00