



Truchard Vineyards

2009 Cabernet Franc



Vintage: A dry spring allowed for good berry set and an average crop. Normal summer conditions slowly brought the grapes to maturity. Record rains in mid-October forced vintners to quickly pick the ripe fruit that was still in the field. Despite a frantic finish, the 2009 vintage produced fruity wines with intense flavors, great texture, and beautiful balance.

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 13 to 27 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. 9 - 16 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.56 pH • 6.4 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 88° 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 2011. The final blend is 95% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is drinkable upon release, but reward careful cellaring for the next 10 - 15 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.61 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: A complex nose of ripe plum, cassis, and blueberry; with a touch of cedar, tobacco, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is filled with bright flavors cherry, red currants, and raspberry. Ripe tannins fill the palate and provide a lengthy finish of dried red fruit and spice.

Release Date: February 1, 2012

Cases Produced: 258 cases