



TRUCHARD

2012 CABERNET FRANC



Vintage: After a string of unpredictable harvests, 2012 turned out to be a near perfect vintage. Ideal springtime conditions resulted in excellent berry set and a large crop. Moderate temperatures throughout the growing season slowly brought the fruit to full maturity. The wines of 2012 are elegant, with rich aromas and flavors. They possess bright acidity, beautiful structure, and the intensity needed to gracefully age.

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 16 to 30 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. 19 – Nov. 6 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.55 pH • 6.3 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 2014. The final blend is % Cabernet Franc and 12% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 10 – 12 years.

Wine Analysis: 14.2% alcohol • 3.64 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

Tasting Notes: Intense aromas of ripe cherry, plum, and cassis; with a hint of cedar, tobacco, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright flavors of red currants and cherry/berry jam. Round tannins fill the palate and provide a pleasant finish of dried red fruit and spice.

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Cases Produced: 428 cases



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