



# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**Vintage:** 2019 is very similar to the near-perfect 2018 vintage. A cold winter with average rainfall made for a late bud-break. Ideal spring weather allowed for nice berry set and above average yields. Mild conditions throughout summer and fall allowed the fruit to slowly ripen and develop maximum flavor. The wines of 2019 are bold and intense, with nice structure.

**Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 400 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 Sauvignon is planted in several different sites - on steep, southwestern facing hillsides. The vines range from 23 - 45 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec are blended in to provide additional softness, structure, and complexity.

**Harvest:** Oct. 15 – Nov. 8 • 24.5 °Brix • 3.53 pH • 6.4 g/L TA

**Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Fermentations were pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 88° F. Maceration time varied from 14 to 30 days depending on vineyard block. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (45% new). The final blend is 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Malbec. This wine is drinkable now, but reward careful cellaring for the next 15 - 20 years.

**Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.63 pH • 6.0 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** Flora aromas of ripe plum, raspberry, and cassis; with a touch of cedar and vanilla. The mouth is layered with intense flavors of cherry, red currants, and berry jam. Ripe tannins focus the palate and provide a lengthy finish of spice and red fruit.

**Release Date:** December 1, 2021

**Cases Produced:** 6113 cases

