



# TRUCHARD VINEYARDS

## 2019 CABERNET FRANC



**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 Franc is planted in several different sites - on steep southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 23 to 37 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. 17 - 24 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.58 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 2020. The final blend is 95% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will gracefully age for the next 12 – 15 years.

**Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.64 pH • 5.9 g/l TA

**Tasting Notes:** Floral aromas of cherry, wild blueberry, and cassis with a touch of cedar, tobacco, and sweet vanilla. The mouth is layered with bright flavors of currants, plum jam, and red berries. Ripe tannins fill the palate and provide a finish of dried red fruit and spice.

**Release Date:** January 1, 2022

**Cases Produced:** 430 cases

