



THE TERRACES

2017 Cabernet Franc

Quarry Vineyard, Estate Grown

Varietal: 95% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 238

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottled: May 3, 2019

Released: February 1, 2021

Suggested Retail: \$85.00

Vineyard: The Terraces Estate vineyards are between 300 and 500 feet in elevation in the eastern foothills of the Rutherford AVA. The very well drained soils are comprised of volcanic rock known as Rhyolite. Moderately warm, the vineyard is still marginally influenced by early morning fog.

Vintage: Abundant rainfall broke the long drought, followed by a mild spring. The rain and cooler temperatures resulted in sleepless nights dealing with frost and extended flowering. The growing season initially showed tremendous vigor thanks to the abundant winter rainfall but ultimately proved uneventful. Extreme heat over Labor Day weekend kicked harvest into high gear, and by the start of the Valley fires on October 8th, over 95 percent of our tonnage was in, including 100% of the Cabernet Franc. Although the fires were devastating, we were able to continue our work at the winery, ensuring another top quality vintage through ongoing evaluations of our grapes, fermentations, and aging wine.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemmed, each lot went into small tanks as whole berries. After a brief cold soak, the lots were fermented with a combination of wild and cultivated yeasts. A combination of punch downs, pump overs, and rack and returns were performed several times a day to influence extraction in different ways over the course of fermentation. Pressed gently in a basket press, the wines were moved with lees to 40% new French barrels to finish malolactic fermentation.

Tasting Notes: Our one acre block of Cabernet Franc has provided us with another harvest of exceptional fruit, creating a wine of outstanding quality. The 2017 Estate Cabernet Franc boasts a gorgeous deep ruby color with aromas of black berry and black cherry complimented with hints of violet, cedar and wet earth. The rich palate continues to impress with complex flavors of ripe plumb, blackberry, and black tea with hints of vanilla and hazelnut. The mouthfeel shows off refined tannins and an incredibly long fruit filled finish.