

THE TERRACES

2016 Cabernet Franc

Rutherford, 100% Estate



Varietal: 87.1% Cabernet Franc, 12.9% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cases: 190

Alcohol: 14.3%

Bottled: May 11, 2018

Released: February 1, 2020

Suggested Retail: \$75.00

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: The mild winter gave way to slightly early bud break, followed by a relatively steady and mild July and August. Thanks to a series of significantly warm days at the end of the growing season, vineyards were able to progress to perfect ripeness. just in time for a condensed harvest season. With the Valleys first significant Fall rainstorm arriving on October 14, the harvest season wrapped up earlier than most.

Production: Hand picked and sorted before being de-stemming, 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: The one acre block of Cabernet Franc at The Terraces has provided us with another example of exceptional fruit, creating a show-stopping wine. The 2016 Estate Cabernet Franc boasts a gorgeous deep ruby color with aromas of rich black cherry and boysenberry, complimented with hints of earthiness & cedar. The palate continues to impress with complex flavors of blackberry, red plum, cacao, toasty oak and subtle earthiness. The mouthfeel showcases round velvety tannin, which linger on the finish.

The Terraces: 130 years of grape growing and 30 years of winemaking history inspire us to create epic wines of astonishing value. Less than 3500 cases produced each vintage. We encourage you to visit on your next trip to Napa.