
GALLICA

2019 CABERNET FRANC NAPA VALLEY | OAKVILLE



Evocative of the 2019 vintage, our bottling of Cabernet Franc is full of vitality and freshness. Succulent and juicy, medium in body, with luscious velvety tannins. The palate is lively with hints of dried herb, chapparal, dark chocolate, more savory than dark fruit in its youth. Our interpretation of Cabernet Franc straddles the divide between understated elegance, savory undertones, and California's signature all with the esprit of low intervention winemaking. We love this site for its dusty rose petal, dried mint, and golden straw aromatics consistent across the six vintages we've made a singular Cabernet Franc from Oakville Ranch Vineyard. Ready to drink now or cellar for future enjoyment. CCOF - California Certified Organic Farming.

2019 Growing Season | Impressive rainfall in May with cool spring temperatures influenced the entire viticultural season with wet fields and gorgeous stands of cover crop carpeting the valley floor and hillsides | Vines responded with ample green growth requiring handwork to sucker and balance each vine before bloom in late May | A stretch of elevated daytime temperatures in August accelerated ripening and challenged earlier harvest projections | Harvested on October 15th | Overall a fantastic season where we experienced the finest attributes of spring weather resulting in the arrival of fruit in October ideal in both its quality and quantity.

The 2019 Red Wine, mostly Cabernet Franc, is coming together beautifully following its bottling just prior to my first tasting, one year ago. It offers up copious blackberry jam, chocolate, espresso, mocha, and licorice open first, followed by sweet floral notes that extend the sumptuous finish so effortlessly.

Antonio Galloni | Vinous | October 2022 | 95 PTS

The 2019 Cabernet Franc reveals a deep ruby/plum hue to go with a stunning nose of ripe red and black currants, leafy herbs, scorched earth, and background spicy oak. Showing a touch of iron and almost bloodiness with time in the glass, it's medium to full-bodied and has a layered, supple mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. I suspect it will evolve gracefully for two decades.

Jeb Dunnuck | December 2023 | 95 PTS

WINEMAKING: Bottled in June 2021. Made with certified organic grapes.
VARIETAL: 97% Cabernet Franc | 3% Cabernet Sauvignon
VINEYARD: Oakville Ranch Vineyard
ALCOHOL: 14.0 %

