

# 2021 CABERNET FRANC

## HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

plum ▪ dried herbs ▪ violet ▪ crushed gravel



### VINEYARD

100% ALDER RIDGE

### ASSEMBLAGE

100% CABERNET FRANC

### WINEMAKER

JUSTIN NEUFELD

DUSTY JENKINS

### PRODUCTION

225 CASES

### AGEING

30 MONTHS IN  
20% NEW, 80% NEUTRAL  
FRENCH OAK

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

TA: 5.62 G/L | PH: 3.9

### VINIFICATION

The fruit was hand-harvested on October 2nd, then destemmed and lightly crushed into 1-ton fermentation bins. The must contained approximately 70% whole berries. The must had a pre-fermentation maceration of about 48 hours at 55°F. During fermentation, extraction was achieved via hand punch-downs and pump over with macro aeration several times daily. The wine fermented dry on the skins and was immediately pressed and transferred to barrel.

The wine was aged entirely in French Oak for 30 months, 20% new and 80% neutral oak. The wine was racked twice in the cellar and bottled in May, 2024.

**VINEYARD PRACTICES:** Certified Sustainable WA

### 91 POINTS JAMES SUCKLING

Blueberries, warm spices, dried herbs and dried chilis on the nose of this savory red. It's full-bodied with medium-chewy tannins. I like the savory herb character. Drink or hold.

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