

TRUJILLO

2019 TRUJILLO CABERNET FRANC

Vintage Notes

n my four decades of winemaking. I've had the great pleasure of crafting wines from every corner of the Napa Valley. My inspiration for small lot wines comes from stepping out of the box and culling different varieties from favorite vineyards. Each unique site produces grapes that exhibit a balance of daring personality and enveloping elegance, marked with an arc of complex aromas and velvety finish that goes on and on.

Cabernet Franc is well known for its amazing aromatics. Cab Franc is often used as a blending tool to my Cabernet blends, as it elevates aromatics and add complexity. Making a great standalone Cab Franc can be a challenging as it is a grape that needs everything to fall in perfectly such as location (terroir), clone, reaching the optimum maturity, and careful winemaking. It is a delicate grape that require careful and attentive winemaking.

I am pleased to release my second vintage of this single varietal. The 2019 Trujillo Cab Franc is all about fun, exotic, lush aromas. Incredibly forward and expressive with plush blue and black fruits, floral notes of violets and sweet herbs such as fresh sage and a slight hint of minty tobacco. A minerally graphite earthiness makes it even more complex and interesting. The wine is full bodied and delivers lavishly with enticing flavors of black cherry, black fig, caramel and spice that is seamlessly laced together by fine-grained tannin, perfectly balanced acidity all giving this wine flight, structure, and length.

This wine is true to its varietal attributes. A fun wine that can easily be enjoyed on its own anytime and favorably pairs with a wide variety of cuisines. This wine will gracefully cellar age, but with proper decanting it can be enjoyed now. I do recommend drinking within the next six years to capture all the Cab Franc personality. Enjoy!

-Michael Trujillo

Oriain 100% Napa Valley Blend Composition 96% Cabernet Franc 4% Cabernet Sauvignon 100% French Oak

Maturation Aged 20 months

Technical Notes pH - 3.71TA - 5.6 g/LRS - 0.4 g/LAlc. – 14.4% by volume

Cases Produced 102 cases (One barrel)

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