

2021
HANDMADE
CABERNET FRANC - RUTHERFORD

VINTAGE

The winter of 2021-2022 produced little rainfall in Napa Valley which carried into a warm, dry spring with bud break occurring three weeks earlier than average. Temperatures during the summer were moderate with few heat spikes. A lighter canopy growth resulted in concentrated, intensely flavored fruit. The 2021 Cabernet Franc was harvested September 18th.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

In the heart of the Foley Johnson Rutherford Estate, our Cabernet Franc is farmed in the famous “Rutherford Dust” that yields small, yet intense clusters from well-balanced vines. The ideal growing conditions in the vineyard allow our Bordeaux varietals to reach full maturity on the vine without taking on the green, leafy taste of under-ripe fruit. The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours, then brought to the winery for destemming and a two-day cold soak prior to inoculation with cultured yeast. The wine was pumped-over daily during fermentation, then pressed and racked to barrel for 18 months of aging in 40% new French oak.

TASTING

Our 2021 Handmade Cabernet Franc offers aromas and flavors of autumn leaves, cherry, raspberry, vanilla, graham cracker, and a touch of white pepper. This wine is medium-bodied with great texture and a long finish. Cellared properly this wine will continue to evolve in-bottle for 8-10 years. Serve with braised beef rib with deglazed Cabernet Franc sauce and roasted carrots.

STATISTICS

APPELLATION	Rutherford, Napa Valley	ALCOHOL	14.5%
VINEYARD	Foley Johnson Estate	TA	6.23 g/L
COMPOSITION	96% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon	pH	3.56
AGING	18 months in French oak, 40% new	BOTTLING DATE	July 11, 2023
PRODUCTION	177 cases		