

CHATEAU ST JEAN

2021 CABERNET FRANC

ST. JEAN ESTATE VINEYARD

SONOMA VALLEY

Our roots are in Sonoma County. We have made wines from the region's diverse vineyards for over 50 years, starting in 1973. A fine wine estate with European style, we are proud to produce balanced and elegant wines, a hallmark of Chateau St. Jean. Our single-vineyard and blend expressions celebrate Sonoma County's distinctive, world-class growing region, and the special vineyard sites in which our grapes are grown.

VINEYARDS

The St. Jean Estate Vineyard surrounds the winery and tasting room in Kenwood. The property consists of 270 acres with 90 planted acres of premium varieties. Chardonnay, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and Petit Verdot are planted. In select years, we produce this single-vineyard Cabernet Franc.

VINTAGE

2021 was a perfect ripening vintage in Sonoma County. With mild winter and spring temperatures, budbreak was ahead of average. Summer was warm and dry, with above average temperatures in August and September, leading to an early and fast ripening harvest. The warm weather resulted in ripe fruit flavors and one of the earliest starts of harvest in recent history.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are sorted and destemmed before a 3-day cold soak. Pump overs are conducted two to three times daily for the duration of primary fermentation. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is drained and pressed to 30% new French oak for malolactic fermentation and 16 months of barrel aging.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 St. Jean Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a dark, concentrated wine. On the nose, black cherry, crème de cassis, and dark chocolate notes swirl among accents of spice. The palate offers concentrated dark fruit characters with black pepper and brown spice. Round, supple tannins create a medium-bodied profile with a savory finish. Pair with grilled herb-crusted pork tenderloin, pasta Bolognese, or creamy polenta with sausage ragu.

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APPELLATION	St. Jean Estate Vineyard, Sonoma Valley
VARIETAL	93% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon
OAK	100% French oak, 30% new
AGING	16 months
ALCOHOL	14.4%
T.A.	5.64 g/L
PH	3.80