

CABERNET FRANC, SINGLE VINEYARD LOS CARNEROS – NAPA VALLEY, 2019

BATCH #59 "The O.G 2.0"

Cabernet Franc is the parent grape of 3 red Bordeaux varietals: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Carménère.

We call Cabernet Franc "The O.G". The one we uncork when we seek advice, from the one that started it all... Batch #59 is our second vintage release of Cabernet Franc.

2019 VINTAGE

For a while, we thought "2018 was the vintage of the decade" but as the 2019 wines are coming out of barrels, we are constantly having second thoughts about that statement. A near perfect vintage in Carneros; this Cab Franc was built for the cellar, yet it holds so much vibrancy and pop in its youth.

VINEYARD

Our vineyard is located on the foothills of Mount Veeder where the maritime elements of San Pablo Bay and the Pacific Ocean clash to offer a yearlong cool and breezy micro-climate. The volcanic soil and South Western sun exposure of the vineyard leave no option for the vines, but to thrive vintage after vintage to their fullest potential.

TASTING NOTES (Malek Amrani - 8/28/2021, decanted for 2 hours)

Black Pepper and bitter chocolate first marked my nose; sweet violet, strawberry and bay leaf came through as I continued to swirl.

A surprising racy and vibrant entrance reminded me that this wine is still in its very youth. A fresh muddle of pomegranate molasses, boysenberry and fig on the mid-palate rushed me for a second sip searching for that long Cab Franc finish; which I eventually found at the bottom of the bottle.

- 100% Unfiltered and Un-fined Cabernet Franc
- 22 months of aging in 6 French Oak barrels (2 new & 4 neutral)
- Sustainably grown fruit with minimal winemaking intervention
- Only 140 cases crafted

