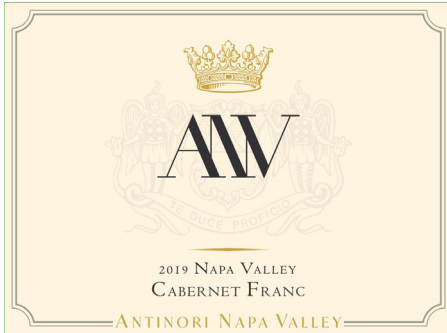


CABERNET FRANC

2019



Origin: Estate grown, Atlas Peak District of Napa Valley

Vintage: 2019

Blend: 83% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.8%

Tasting Notes: Deep garnet-purple in color, the nose bursts with fragrant scents of raspberry pie and blackberry preserves, plus hints of violets, red licorice, and chocolate. The full-bodied palate with finely structured tannins and a lively backbone supports the layers of red and black fruits, finishing long on the palate.

Vintage Notes

Spring saw minimal frost risk after budbreak, but unseasonal rainfall in late spring.

Warm, dry conditions during the year were favorable for uniform berry set within the cluster, and the cool early morning temperatures of our high-elevation Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards set the stage for richly flavored and expressive wines.

Temperatures remained warm up to the early October harvest, which helped the grapes ripen fully with full-bodied varietal flavors.

Vineyard

Cabernet Franc was harvested from Vineyard Block A32CF which is planted to the French Entav clone 214. Clone 214 is noted for its low production level, high color potential, and aromatic and fine-structured wines.

This 3.8-acre vineyard atop Atlas Peak was planted in 2010 taking advantage of its high elevation location along with its south facing exposure and volcanic soils. This wine showcases the delicacy and aromatics that are typical for Cabernet Franc. This wine was blended with 17% of mountain-grown Cabernet Sauvignon also harvested from the ANV Estate.

Vinification

This Cabernet Franc grapes were harvested on October 12, 2019, in the cool, early morning and immediately taken to the winery for the winemaking process to begin.

After destemming and sorting, the whole berries were transferred by gravity feed to the 4-ton conical fermentation tank. After an initial three-day cold soak and yeast inoculation, cap management was done by punch down with our pneumatic system.

After 14 days the new wine was drained from the skins and transferred to 100% new Taransaud French oak barrels where the young wine underwent malolactic fermentation.

After 18 months of ageing each individual barrel was tasted for the final time and the final blend made, creating this distinctive wine with true Napa Valley mountain-grown character.



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