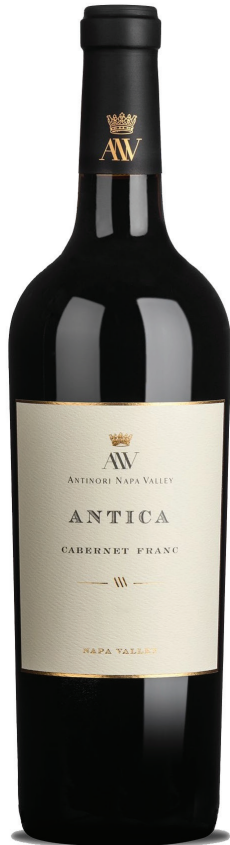


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CABERNET FRANC

2022



Origin: Estate grown, Atlas Peak, Napa Valley

Vintage: 2022

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.5%

Tasting Notes: Intensely colored and aromatic, featuring brambly berry and wild strawberry notes and cacao nibs. There are hints of bay laurel, fresh tobacco leaf, anise, and violet that add further complexity to the wine. On the palate the wine offers a complex layer of blackberry and cherry flavors rounded out by spicy vanilla from the oak ageing with polished and dense tannins. It is a wine with persistence and balance.

Vintage Notes

The 2022 growing season started with an abundant amount of winter rain at the end of 2021 and the start of 2022. This alleviated the three-year drought challenging Napa Valley and brought relief by filling our reservoirs and hydrating the dormant vines for the upcoming winter season.

Unusually warm weather in mid-February pushed budbreak earlier than normal. With temperate weather during bloom and fruit set, the grape crop looked promising. July and August were sunny and dry, with high temperatures in the mid-80s to low 90s, ideal weather leading up to veraison. During the first few days of September Napa Valley experienced unusually warm temperatures that advanced the harvest date.

Vineyard

The 2022 Cabernet Franc was harvested from four vineyard parcels on the Antinori Family's Napa Valley Antica Estate located on the steep mountainside leading up to Atlas Peak. The blend consists of 30% from Parcel 32, planted in 2010; 30% from Parcel 63, planted in 2020; 21% from Parcel 51, planted in 2016; and 19% from Parcel 56, planted in 2010. All Cabernet Franc vineyards are planted to the French Entav clone 214, known for its low production, high color potential, and the ability to produce aromatic, fine-structured wines.

Parcel 32: Located along our north property line, this mountainside vineyard is south facing with gravelly loam soil, and the wine exhibits ripe, jammy berry flavors.

Parcel 63: This west-facing vineyard is located near the western shore of Lake Atlas and features Aiken loam soil with 15 to 30% slopes. The wine displays vibrant color, intensity, and powerful black fruit characteristics.

Parcel 51: Positioned just east of Lake Atlas and facing southeast, this vineyard is planted on Aiken loam soil with 15-30% slopes. The wine produced from this vineyard is known for its menthol notes and rich dark chocolate flavors.

Parcel 56: This vineyard is planted on a south-facing slope on Boomer gravelly loam soil and features 15-30% slopes. The wine is fresh, with great acidity and bright notes of strawberry and raspberry.

Vinification

We began harvesting Cabernet Franc grapes on September 2nd from Parcel 56. The vineyard's location being on the steep mountainside and southern exposure contributed to the first Cabernet Franc grapes to ripen. The last of the Cabernet Franc was harvested from Parcel 51 on September 17th. The grapes are picked in the cool early morning and transported to the winery for processing. After destemming and sorting, the whole berries were transferred by

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gravity feed to the 4-ton conical fermentation tanks in our cave cellar.

Following a three-day cold soak, the tanks were warmed after the inoculation with our preferred yeast, thus allowing fermentation to commence. Cap management during fermentation is done by using our pneumatic punch-down system.

After 14 days, the new wine was drained from the skins. Barrel aging took place in 100% new Taransaud French oak barrels, where the young wine underwent malolactic fermentation. After 18 months of aging, each individual barrel was tasted for the final time, and the final blend was created, resulting in this distinctive wine with authentic mountain-grown character.