



**2018  
CABERNET FRANC  
NAPA VALLEY**

There's nothing quite like standing in Stagecoach Vineyard, one of the most beautiful spots "in" Napa Valley—the extraordinary site is high up on Pritchard Hill in and adjacent to the Atlas Peak AVA. The large vineyard sits at an elevation between 900 and 1700 feet and is comprised of a number of different microclimates. Cabernet Franc grown in Block I is among the most sought-after fruit in all of Stagecoach Vineyard for its combination of soft elegance and underlying power and ageability.

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### GROWING SEASON

Winemaker Patrick Saboe can hardly contain his enthusiasm for the 2018 vintage in Napa Valley, likening it to the heralded '97 harvest that was all about abundant, high-quality fruit. From '18, he finds the wines to be even more powerful. The calm, steady growing season saw no major heat events and came on the heels of a wet winter and early spring. Sunny weather and even temperatures—plenty of warm days and cool nights—resulted in a crop of fruit from Stagecoach Vineyard that Patrick describes as “lush” and being picked under “near-perfect conditions.” He believes 2018 will go down as one of the best vintages in recent memory.

### WINEMAKING

PV365's Cabernet Franc was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard in the first week of October 2018. After picking, the grapes saw a four-day cold soak. A 12-day primary fermentation came next, followed by 13 days of extended maceration for color and tannin extraction. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The '18 Cab Franc was aged for 26 months in 50% new French oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

We feel very fortunate to have access to grapes from Stagecoach Vineyard, a Napa Valley site known to produce wines of great power and complexity. The lush, ample fruit harvested in 2018 has translated to an approachable, but still very powerful, Cabernet Franc. Aromatic notes of blue and red fruit, violets, and black tea mingle in the glass, along with a touch of caramel from barrel aging. The juicy, expansive palate is defined by Cab Franc's classic blueberry and red currant flavors, framed by polished grape tannins and some sweet, toffee-like oak tannin. This wine is a gorgeous, fruit-forward bottling—an example of intense, but balanced, Cab Franc that can be enjoyed immediately.

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### SPECIFICS

**WINE:** 2018 Cabernet Franc

**VINEYARD:** Stagecoach

**AVA:** Napa Valley

**HARVESTED:** 10/5/18

**BRIX @ HARVEST:** 25.9 °

**AGING:** 26 months in French oak barrels

**BLEND:** 96.5% Cabernet Franc, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 0.75% Malbec, 0.75% Merlot & 0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PH:** 3.69

**TA:** 5.8 g/L

**ALC:** 14.5%

**AROMAS:** Violets, caramel, black tea

**FLAVORS:** Blueberries, currants, toffee

**PROFILE:** This medium-bodied Cabernet Franc is defined by its silky texture, lush, red-blue fruit, polished tannins, and balanced acidity—the product of a seamless and near-perfect harvest. What a beauty!

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