



2019
CABERNET FRANC
NAPA VALLEY

There's nothing quite like standing in Stagecoach®, one of the most beautiful spots in Napa Valley. The extraordinary vineyard actually is high up on Pritchard Hill, within and adjacent to the Atlas Peak AVA. The large property sits at an elevation between 900 and 1700 feet and is divided into many individual vineyard blocks, which are influenced by a number of different microclimates. Cabernet Franc grown in Block E1 is a variety that highlights this great viticultural site's potential for perfumed, elegant red wines that also deliver power and concentration. It's a worthy addition to the evolving PV365 brand of Napa Valley wines.

GROWING SEASON

At its outset, 2019 in Napa Valley was all about the rainy weather—large amounts of it that kept soils moist on the Valley floor, though Stagecoach's® elevated and well-drained terrain made the wet weather less of a factor in the following weeks and months. Comparing it to the lush, ripe fruit from the 2018 harvest, our winemaker, Patrick Saboe, describes '19 as “a much more balanced vintage. It had wines that were much lower in quantity, but I think the quality was very high.” He goes on to credit the growing season's near-perfect conditions, with warm days, cool nights, and no heat spikes throughout. In a word, he refers to 2019 as a “gentle” harvest.

WINEMAKING

PV365's Cabernet Franc was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard® a few days before Halloween in October 2019. After picking, the grapes saw a 4-day cold soak, then a 12-day primary fermentation. For color and tannin extraction, an additional 11 days of extended maceration took place. The new wine was then transferred to barrels for malolactic fermentation. Proper barrel aging of the Cabernet Franc occurred over 24 months in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Grapes grown at Stagecoach Vineyard®, a Napa Valley site known to produce wines of great power and complexity, never fail to deliver, and the vineyard's Cabernet Franc vines consistently live up to this potential. Near-ideal growing conditions in 2019 provided PV365 with a textbook version of Cabernet Franc. In the glass, the wine starts out with aromas of dark mocha, ripe blueberries, and a hint of spice. The palate is a rich, complex mouthful of dried cherries, black currants, and a wonderful note of toffee and butterscotch.

The '19 Cabernet Franc's textural characteristics offer the promise of years of cellar-worthiness, with polished tannins, densely entwined flavors, and great focus.

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2019 Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD: Stagecoach®

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: 10/7/19 to 10/26/19

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.9 °

AGING: 24 months in new and used French oak barrels (50% new)

BLEND: 96% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot

PH: 3.59

TA: 5.9 g/L

ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Dark mocha, ripe blueberries, raspberries, spice, and rose petals

FLAVORS: Black/Red currants, dried cherries, blueberry compote, toffee, and butterscotch

PROFILE: The full complex mouthfeel of this medium bodied Cabernet Franc comes from its silky texture, polished tannins, and focused, concentrated fruit.
