



2020
CABERNET FRANC
NAPA VALLEY

There's nothing quite like standing in Stagecoach Vineyard®, one of the most beautiful spots in Napa Valley. The extraordinary vineyard actually is high up on mountain terrain overlooking the Valley, 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 continues to be a noble and regal addition to the evolving PV365 brand of Napa Valley wines.

GROWING SEASON

Despite its challenges, the 2020 vintage will not be left out of the history books, though it will be remembered for factors beyond any normal expectations. In Patrick's estimation, the 2020 growing season was consistent with the last decade in Napa Valley: a dry spring and summer, with long stretches of warm days regularly tempered by the cool nights. Such conditions are ideal for maintaining the balance of fruit and acidity that help define quality wine grapes. While the '20 Napa Valley harvest proved to be one of the most challenging in history, PV365 team remained optimistic and came together to work under difficult and dangerous times to produce a portfolio of beautiful, well-balanced, meticulously crafted 2020 PV365 wines. The story of this vintage will continue to unfold over the years to come. We believe the rewards are well worth it!

WINEMAKING

PV365's Cabernet Franc was harvested from Stagecoach Vineyard® on September 21, 2020. After harvest, the grapes got a three-day cold soak, then commenced on a 10-day primary fermentation. Another 12 days of extended maceration took place before the wine went to barrel to undergo malolactic fermentation. The new wine was then transferred to barrels for malolactic fermentation. Proper barrel aging of the Cabernet Franc occurred over 22 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. The challenging growing conditions in '20 nevertheless provided PV365 with a textbook version of this noble Bordeaux variety. In the glass, the wine starts out with aromas of dark chocolate, ripe blueberries, and a hint of spice. The palate is a rich, complex mouthful of black currant, tobacco, and dried cherries. The '20 Cabernet Franc's textural characteristics offer the promise of years of cellar-worthiness, with sexy silky texture, polished tannins, densely entwined flavors, and great focus!

SPECIFICS

WINE: 2020 Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD: Stagecoach Vineyard®

AVA: Napa Valley

HARVESTED: September 21, 2020

BRIX @ HARVEST: 25.4°

AGING: 22 months, 70% new, 100% French oak

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

PH: 3.69

TA: 5.8 g/L

ALC: 14.5%

AROMAS: Dark chocolate, blueberries, and spice

FLAVORS: Black currants, tobacco, and dried cherries

PROFILE: Medium to full bodied, excellent structure, polished tannins, and balanced acidity

