



# CHAPPELLET

## 2021 Cabernet Franc

### Napa Valley

Winemaker Phillip Corallo-Titus



#### Wine Statistics

Harvested Sep. 17 - Oct. 26, 2021

25.4°- 27.0° Brix at Harvest

14.8% Alcohol

TA – .58g/100ml

pH – 3.67

Bottled – July 2023

#### Wine Blend

78% Cabernet Franc

7% Merlot

7% Malbec

6% Cabernet Sauvignon

2% Petit Verdot

#### The Wine

The Chappellet Cabernet Franc is a traditional Bordeaux blend with Cabernet Franc at its base. The original vines were planted in 1989, making Cabernet Franc a relatively new addition to Pritchard Hill. This variety thrives on the hill's volcanic soils, where conditions are ideal for developing ripe, concentrated flavors. The wine was bottled after spending 22 months in French oak barrels (60% new).

#### Growing Season & Harvest

The 2021 growing season began with one of the driest winters on record, followed by a mild spring and summer with no adverse heat events. Due to the lack of precipitation, canopy growth was limited and the vines produced very small berries and clusters. To ensure ideal ripening and flavor development we closely monitored vine water stress and applied a highly targeted irrigation strategy. While the drought yielded a small crop, the long, temperate growing season combined with ideal harvest weather produced dark and powerful wines with concentrated aromas and flavors, excellent structure and lush, mouthcoating tannins.

#### Tasting Notes

Both elegant and intense, this wine showcases Cabernet Franc's natural complexity with with effusive aromas of red currant, blueberry, black tea, mountain sage and roasted coffee, as well as hints of cedar and cigar wrapper. On the plush palate, flavors of wild berry, anise and white pepper, are underscored by a silky texture and seamless tannins, with a note of earthy richness adding sophistication to a long, beautifully balanced finish.