



HILL FAMILY
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2022 Cabernet Franc

Production: 280 cases

Composition: 91% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Merlot

Vineyard: Beau Terroir

Appellations: Carneros-Napa

Elevation: Rolling hills

Cooperage: 50% new French oak (Trust, Treuil Terroir, Nadalier Alliers)

Alcohol: 14.3%, TA:5.9 g/L, pH: 3.78

Bottling date: May 28, 2024

Release date: Winter 2024

Release price: \$76.00

Doug Hill enjoys producing Cabernet Franc, so he replanted a few rows in the Beau Terroir Vineyard a few years ago. Cabernet Franc is a difficult grape to grow well and exhibits virus and site considerations more than other grape varieties. Veraison was fairly late on August 12, but there were 2 major hot spells, and with Cabernet Franc being a delicate variety, Doug took extra care to save this vineyard. Fortunately, the weather moderated a bit and the grapes came in on September 28 at 24.8 Brix. After a few days of cold soak, it developed nice color with a chocolatey aroma. We fermented it with VQ51 yeast at 85 degrees and pressed it at dryness after 2 weeks, then put it to barrels. After a year, we blended in a small amount of Malbec, then put it back to barrel for a total of 20 months

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2022 Cabernet Franc is dignified with aromas of mulberry and cool climate graphite. The wine is medium in body and has a soft balanced entry that expands out to a lively mid-palate filled with pomegranate, new saddle leather, ripe fruit and a smooth finish.