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## 2023 Cabernet Franc

**Production:** 282 cases

**Composition:** 87% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Gamay and 1% Petite Sirah

**Vineyard:** Beau Terroir

**Appellations:** Napa-Carneros

**Elevation:** Rolling hills

**Cooperage:** 33% new French oak

**Alcohol:** 14.1%, TA:5.8 g/L, pH: 3.8

**Bottling date:** June 17, 2025

**Release date:** Winter 2025

**Release price:** \$76.00

Cabernet Franc can be a difficult grape to grow, but when you have just the right place (lots of sunshine) and experienced farming, the results can be sublime. This Cabernet Franc is planted in a warmer part of the Napa-Carneros AVA at our home ranch, so this vineyard gets plenty of attention. The 2023 vintage ripened a bit later than usual, so the grapes had the benefit of some extended hang time and fully developed flavors. After only a few days of cold soaking on the skin before starting fermentation, it produced some great color and had that fresh Cab Franc aroma.

### **Winemaker Kari Auringer's tasting notes:**

The 2023 Cabernet Franc offers classic aromas of lush dark fruits layered with delicate hints of floral, black tea and smoke. The velvety texture supports rich flavors of blueberry and flowers which are complimented by black olive, cedar and vanilla tones that linger seductively on the finish.