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2024 Cabernet Franc

Production: 233 cases
Composition: 95% Cabernet Franc and 5% Malbec
Vineyard: Beau Terroir
Appellations: Napa-Carneros
Elevation: Rolling hills
Cooperage: 33% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.2%, TA:5.5 g/L, pH: 3.8
Bottling date: June 17, 2025
Release date: Winter 2026
Release price: $85.00

The 2024 vintage was a welcome return to classic Napa conditions. After the cool, challenging 2023 season, 2024 delivered the warm, steady ripening conditions that Napa Valley is known for. A heat spike in late June, pushed temperatures higher than we would like, but the vineyard crew was ready and handled it well. Temperatures reached 114 degrees in some parts of Napa Valley, but well-managed canopies shielded fruit and maintained vine health.

Winemaker Kari Auringer's tasting notes:

The 2024 Cabernet Franc offers seductive aromas of dark fruits layered with delicate hints of floral, black tea and smoke. Plush on entry, the velvety texture supports rich flavors of blueberry and blackberry, likely attributed to a splash of Malbec in the blend. The mid-palate is soft and round and interwoven with toasty vanilla and a bit of black olive. The complexity of the ripe fruit flavors and cigar box notes linger seductively on the finish.