



## 2000 Cabernet Franc

- Vintage:** The 2000 Vintage was another long, late harvest. Excellent springtime conditions resulted in good berry set and above average yields. Moderate summer temperatures allowed the fruit to mature slowly and develop intense flavors. The wines from this vintage have powerful aromas, rich palates, and outstanding acid/tannin balance.
- Vineyard:** The Truchard Estate Vineyard is located in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. It is 380 acres of hills and valleys, which contain a variety of soils: clay, shale, sandstone, limestone, volcanic ash and rock. The combination of terrain, geology, and marine-moderated temperatures, provides ideal conditions for wine-growing. Cabernet Franc is planted in several different sites - on steep southwest-facing hillsides. The vines range from 4 to 18 years old, and produce wines that are deep in color, dominated by lush flavors of plum, berry, and spice. Cabernet Sauvignon which grows on adjacent blocks is blended in to provide firmness, complexity, and added age ability.
- Harvest:** Oct. 14 – Nov. 6 • 24.6 °Brix • 3.50 pH • 6.3 g/L TA
- Winemaking:** All of the fruit was gently destemmed and crushed, then inoculated with Pasteur Red yeast. Each fermentation was pumped-over twice daily, with the temperature peaking at 90° F. The lots were pressed after 14 days of maceration. The wine was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels (40% new). Rackings occurred every 4 months until bottling in August of 2002. The final blend is 95% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine is drinkable upon release, but will continue to develop over the next 10 - 12 years.
- Wine Analysis:** 14.2% alcohol • 3.60 pH • 5.9 g/l TA
- Tasting Notes:** A spicy nose of blueberry, cherry, and plum; accented with notes of cedar, tobacco, and mint. The mouth is rich – flavors of berry jam, cassis, and vanilla. Ripe tannins fill the palate and focus the flavors into a bright finish of dried red fruit.
- Release Date:** August 1, 2004  
**Cases Produced:** 456  
**Bottle Price:** \$28.00