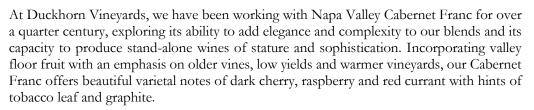




# 2015 Napa Valley Cabernet Franc



# In the Vineyards

In Napa Valley, a warm, dry spring resulted in any early budbreak, while an extended flowering period brought a return to normal yields after three years of abundant crops. With berry weights down, the grapes offered great concentration, while retaining excellent acidity. We had one of our earliest harvests in the past decade, with our first white grapes arriving at the winery on July 31st. A light rain in mid-September nourished the vines, while providing welcome additional hangtime. Overall, the quality of the fruit was exceptional, with our white wines showing both richness and complexity, and our red grapes displaying a fine balance between elegance and intensity, with gorgeous dark fruit flavors.

## Comments from the Winemaker

Grown under the warm Napa Valley sun, this gorgeous Cabernet Franc begins with enticing aromas of blackberry, cassis and figs, followed by layers of sweet spice, black licorice, milk chocolate and delicate floral notes. On the palate, the tannins are generous, yet refined, providing an ideal framework for this wine's abundant fruit and spice flavors.

### **Varietal Content**

100% Cabernet Franc

#### **Harvest Information**

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest Dates: August 27 - September 18 Average Sugar at Harvest: 27.8° Brix

### Cooperage

100% French oak Barrel Aging: 16 months 50% new, 50% neutral

### Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.54 g/100 ml titratable acidity 10-12 days fermentation at 82°F

pH: 3.87

