

# DUCKHORN®

VINEYARDS

## 2021 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

At Duckhorn Vineyards, we have been working with Napa Valley Cabernet Franc for over a quarter century, exploring its ability to add elegance and complexity to our blends and its capacity to produce stand-alone wines of stature and sophistication. Incorporating valley floor fruit with an emphasis on older vines, low yields and warmer vineyards, our Cabernet Franc offers beautiful varietal notes of dark cherry, raspberry and red currant with hints of tobacco leaf and graphite.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Despite an unusually dry winter and warm spring, budbreak was delayed due to light rain in March. The overall lack of rainfall led to light clusters and small berries, which resulted in reduced yields and great concentration. Harvest began on August 5th with Semillon, and early heat generated a fast and furious first few weeks of picking. A much-needed mid-September cool-down allowed for sugars to realign with flavor development. Moderate temperatures continued throughout the rest of the season, providing additional hangtime for the grapes. Our last red grapes were harvested before the rains in late October, resulting in beautiful wines that are dense, pure and polished.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Both elegant and expansive, this wine begins with alluring aromas of blackberry, cassis, fig and cocoa powder. On the palate, luxurious layers of dark berries, bay leaf and anise are framed by supple, elegant tannins and a core of bright acidity that adds energy and nuance to a long, complex finish.

### WINEMAKING

APPELLATION	Napa Valley
VINEYARD	38% Monitor Ledge Vineyard, 24% Cork Tree, 22% Three Palms Vineyard, 16% Patzimar Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	97% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 16 months in 100% French oak 50% new, 50% neutral
ALCOHOL	14.5%
PH	3.73
ACIDITY	0.56 g/100 ml



### THE DUCKHORN PORTFOLIO