

2019 CABERNET FRANC

KENEFICK RANCH VINEYARD
CALISTOGA | NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE NOTES

The growing season began with heavy rains in early spring, cultivating a robust cover crop, and strong shoot growth in the vines. Summer weather was moderate with very few heat spikes. The end of the growing season was mild and long, allowing for optimal ripeness and freshness in the wines.

VINEYARD NOTES

Sourced from the highly regarded Kenefick Ranch Vineyards, this Cabernet Franc is a testament to the remarkable land on which it was grown. Comprised of 125 acres in the Calistoga AVA, and adjacent to Elusa's own estate vineyard, Kenefick Ranch is planted primarily with Bordeaux varietals. In fact, we also source the Cabernet Sauvignon from Kenefick used in our Calistoga Cabernet as well as our Kenefick Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon.

The rows of Cabernet Franc vines are on a sloped section of the vineyard, planted in rich alluvial soil. The more mature vines are higher off the ground, providing more protection from the Calistoga heat that radiates off the vineyard floor.

TASTING NOTES

While lighter than most reds, this Cabernet Franc holds its own as rich, bold wine. Deep maroon in color, this sophisticated, single-varietal showcases notes of dried cranberry, cassis, cedar and currants. Although still young, this vintage is polished around the edges, and additional notes including black licorice and cooking herbs bring a bit of spice to the finish.



TECHNICAL DATA

APPELLATION | CALISTOGA, NAPA VALLEY
VARIETAL | 100% CABERNET FRANC
VINEYARD SOURCE | KENEFICK RANCH
CLONES | 1
AGING | 20 MONTHS
COOPERS | ERMITAGE, BARON, TARANSAUD
ALCOHOL | 14.6%
BOTTLING DATE | JUNE 28, 2021
PRODUCTION | 75 CASES
WINEMAKER | THOMAS RIVERS BROWN



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