



# TRUJILLO

## 2018 TRUJILLO CABERNET FRANC

### *Vintage Notes*

**I**n my four decades of winemaking, I've had the great pleasure of crafting wines from every corner of the Napa Valley. My inspiration for small lot wines comes from stepping out of the box and culling different varieties from favorite vineyards. Each unique site produces grapes that exhibit a balance of daring personality and enveloping elegance, marked with an arc of complex aromas and velvety finish that goes on and on.

I love making Cab Franc wines. In general, Cab Franc is blended to enhance red wine blends. Making a great standalone Cab Franc can be a challenging; it is a grape that needs all the pieces to come together perfectly — location (or *terrior*), clone, reaching the optimum maturity, and meticulous winemaking. This delicate grape can end up an awkward wine so easily. Fortunately, the 2018 Trujillo Cab Franc lined up perfectly from the vineyard, to winemaking, and into the bottle. This is an amazing wine. So much so, that I am putting my name on it.

Cab Franc is known for its aromatics. The 2018 Trujillo Cab Franc is pronounced with exotic lush aromas. It is incredibly forward and expressive, with plush blue and black fruits, floral notes of violets, and sweet herbs. A hint of mineral graphite earthiness makes it even more complex and interesting. The wine is medium-bodied, yet delivers tons of flavor and a velvety texture. Sumptuous black cherry, plum, and spice laced together with fine tannin and a perfect acidity give this wine flight and length.

This wine is true to its varietal attributes. A convivial wine that can easily be enjoyed on its own anytime and favorably pairs with that perfect meal. The 2018 Trujillo Cab Franc will gracefully cellar age, but I do recommend drinking within the next five years to capture all the Cab Franc personality. Enjoy!

*-Michael Trujillo*

*Origin*  
100% Napa Valley

*Blend Composition*  
100% Cabernet Franc

*Maturation*  
Aged 20 months  
100% French Oak

*Technical Notes*  
pH – 3.77  
TA – 6.5 g/L  
RS – 0.6 g/L  
Alc. – 14.75% by  
volume

*Cases Produced*  
24 cases (One barrel)

*Bottled*  
May 28, 2020

