



# TRUJILLO

## 2021 TRUJILLO CABERNET FRANC

### *Vintage Notes*



In 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, distinct with varietal expression, complexity of aromatics along with seamless balance that carries the wine to amazing heights.

Cabernet Franc is well known for its amazing aromatics. I have had fun making Cab Franc wines for many years and for many wines projects past. Most of those times the Cab Franc wines were blended to my Cabernet Sauvignon based wines, elevating aromatics and adding complexity. Making a great standalone Cab Franc can be challenging as it is a grape that needs everything to fall into place perfectly such as location (terroir), clone, reaching optimum maturity, and careful winemaking. It is a delicate grape.

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> standalone bottling of Trujillo Cab Franc, and this vintage delivers once again. This wine is all about forward, exotic, and lush aromas. Incredibly expressive floral notes of violets and sweet herbs, such as fresh sage with a slight hint of minty tobacco, backed with notes of plush blue and black fruits. The wine is perfectly balanced and delivers lavishly with enticing flavors of plum, black cherry, black fig, caramel and spice that is all seamlessly laced together by fine-grained tannin and perfectly balanced acidity which gives this wine flight, structure, and length.

This Cab Franc is true to its varietal attributes. A fun wine that can easily be enjoyed on its own anytime and favorably pairs with a wide variety of cuisine. This wine will gracefully cellar age, but with proper decanting can be enjoyed now. I do recommend drinking within the next eight years to capture all the Cab Franc personality. Enjoy!.

*-Michael Trujillo, Winemaker*

*Origin*  
100% Napa Valley

*Blend Composition*  
94% Cabernet Franc  
4% Merlot  
2% Malbec

*Maturation*  
Aged 20 months  
100% French Oak

*Technical Notes*  
pH – 3.61  
TA – 5.8 g/L  
RS – 0.5 g/L  
Alc. – 14.8% by volume

*Cases Produced*  
94

*Bottled*  
May 17, 2023

