

# PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

## 2016 CABERNET FRANC

A few swirls allow all of sweet cherry, dried cherry, dried herb, tobacco and white pepper to waft from the glass. An utterly perfect textural experience that somehow marries fabulous density with ethereal lightness; this simultaneous combination of weight and lift is a signature of our cabernet franc in the best vintages. We recently opened a 1998, 1999, 2000 vertical of our Cabernet Franc that were all sensational with perfect tannin resolution, the signature light-footedness across the palate, and lovely complex flavors; everything you could want from aging wine for 20 years.

Ripening along a similar time frame to our merlots, our two blocks of cabernet franc were night-harvested on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. While our cabernet francs retain great acidity as they ripen in the vineyard, we typically blend in a bit of either merlot, if the wine is needing lushness, or cabernet sauvignon, if the wine would benefit from structure. This year the winning combination was 13% cabernet sauvignon from our Rock Arch block, and 9% from our newly replanted Callie's vineyard block (planted with budwood taken from Rock Arch in 2013).



### PROFILE

Appellation:	62% Napa County 38% Sonoma County
Vintage:	2016
Harvest:	October 2016
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Cooperage:	French Oak
Blend:	78% Cabernet Franc 22% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.5%
Bottling:	April 2018
Production:	1453 cases
Release Date:	August 2018
Retail Price:	\$70.00