



*Girard*

NAPA VALLEY

## 2018 CABERNET FRANC

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### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage proved nearly ideal. Ample winter rains were followed by lots of spring and early summer sunshine. Bud break and flowering were slightly later than usual but coincided with ideal weather conditions for healthy fruit set. The mild summer was followed by an equally ideal fall; allowing fruit to ripen with ample flavor and complexity with moderate sugar levels. Fermentation temperatures were kept deliberately low to retain fresh fruit flavors and color extraction. Carefully selected French oak barrels rounded out the élevage (or barrel aging) process, ensuring a wine rich character and complexity.

### VINEYARD NOTES

The fruit for our Cabernet Franc is sourced from two select vineyards, one in St Helena, and another in Pope Valley regions of Napa Valley. Outstanding farming coupled with artisan winemaking create a basis for the quality which presents itself in this lively Cabernet Franc.

### TASTING NOTES

This vintage of Cabernet Franc reveals varietally characteristic aromas of bright red cherry, red plum and aromas of cedar and rose petals. On the palate flavors of cassis, black cherry, and bramble fruit flavors, are enrobed in flavors of cocoa and coffee. The velvety texture and lengthy finish put this Cabernet Franc in a class of its own.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** 82% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% blend of Petit Verdot & Malbec

**APPELLATION** Napa Valley | **OAK AGING** 18 months in French oak, 45% new

**ALCOHOL** 15% | **pH** 3.56 | **TA** 6 g/L | **RS** 1.2 g/L | **PRODUCTION** 440 cases produced