

ROBERT SINSEY VINEYARDS

CABERNET FRANC 2017



Vandal Vineyard, Los Carneros, Napa Valley



- From RSV's Northern Carneros "Vandal Vineyard" near the foothills of Mt. Veeder
- CCOF Certified Organic vineyards
- Cool maritime growing region influenced by the San Pablo Bay
- Heat summation comparable to St. Emilion
- Cave aged 21 months in French oak
- 30% new barrels for subtlety
- 20 barrels produced

Winegrowing Notes

The 2017 vintage ended with one of the most trying times in our four decade history. Climate change driven fires roared through the valley, threatening the winery, vineyards, homes and lives. We were fortunate to have picked the five lots selected for this blend before smoke and fire ended harvest. The 2017 vintage is a pure rendition of RSV Cabernet Franc. This 100% Cabernet Franc is comprised of five individually fermented lots from RSV's organically farmed Vandal vineyard. The fruit was hand picked, de-stemmed and fermented with native yeast in open-top fermenters where gentle cap irrigation was deployed. The wine was then laid to rest in 60 gallon French oak barrels, of which approximately 30% were new. The wine rested in the RSV caves for 18 months before bottling.

For those who prefer balance, structure and finesse, this Cabernet Franc is for you. The wine exhibits a restrained, youthful character that bodes well for those who like to age their wines to reveal the complexities that only a well-grown and well-crafted wine can offer.

Tasting Notes

One hundred percent Cabernet Franc, one hundred percent stunning! Violet, blackberry, bay laurel and star anise dance above the rim of the glass, flashing the complexity of Cabernet Franc grown in RSV's relatively cool, organically-farmed Vandal Vineyard in the upper Los Carneros region. We like to think of this vineyard as being the center of the "Right Bank" of Napa. Quintessential ripeness rings true at first sip, with lush black cherry, blackberry bramble and currant running alongside salted plum, Kalamata olive, cacao and a touch of black pepper. The 2017 vintage produced a high energy wine with fine, nervy tannins and bright, mouth watering acidity that support the generosity of fruit to make this wine ready to be enjoyed with dinner tonight or cellared for a rewarding future. **491 cases produced.**

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