

2019

Cakebread Cellars

NAPA VALLEY
Since 1973

CABERNET FRANC NAPA VALLEY

Leading with classic plum, blackberry, and savory herbal aromatics, the 2019 Cabernet Franc is perfumed and expressive with notes of violet. Blending hints of spice with ripe boysenberry and dark cherry, it segues effortlessly to a full-bodied palate that combines firm tannins with complex notes of cocoa, roasted espresso, and baking spices. Rounded and velvety across the palate, the wine balances ripe black fruit, spice notes, and minerality with structured tannins.

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE

The vines at our Suscol Springs Estate Vineyard grow atop rocky, well-draining soils in the cool Southern reaches of Napa Valley. Here, the combination of Pacific fog from the nearby San Pablo Bay and bright sunshine combine to yield grapes that are impeccably balanced – offering a combination of ripe fruit notes, robust tannins, and refreshing acidity.

The long, even 2019 vintage began with ample rainfall which refreshed the soils in preparation for the season. The spring and summer saw warm, level temperatures without heat waves allowing for an extended and gradual ripening period ideal. Overall, the mild season yielded grapes with excellent color, subtle tannins, and incredible flavor.

WINEMAKING

We harvested the grapes beginning on September 27, during the cool night time hours to preserve their freshness and aromatics. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 17 months in 60% new French oak from specifically selected forests in France and toasted to Cakebread Cellars specifications. The barrels and extended aging period were precisely selected to allow the fruit and oak to integrate seamlessly, ensuring subtlety and balance in the final wine. As a result, the 2019 highlights the structure, minerality, spice, and freshness of the Suscol Springs vineyard and blend of Cabernet Franc and other grape varieties.



GRAPE VARIETY

76% Cabernet Franc, 19% Merlot,
5% Syrah

VINEYARDS

Suscol Springs, Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES

September 27 – October 22, 2019

WINEMAKER

Stephanie Jacobs

NOTES

ALCOHOL 14.8%

ACIDITY 0.59G/100 ml

PH 3.58

BOTTLE April 2021

AGING Aged 17 months in
60% new French
oak, 40% neutral
French oak

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