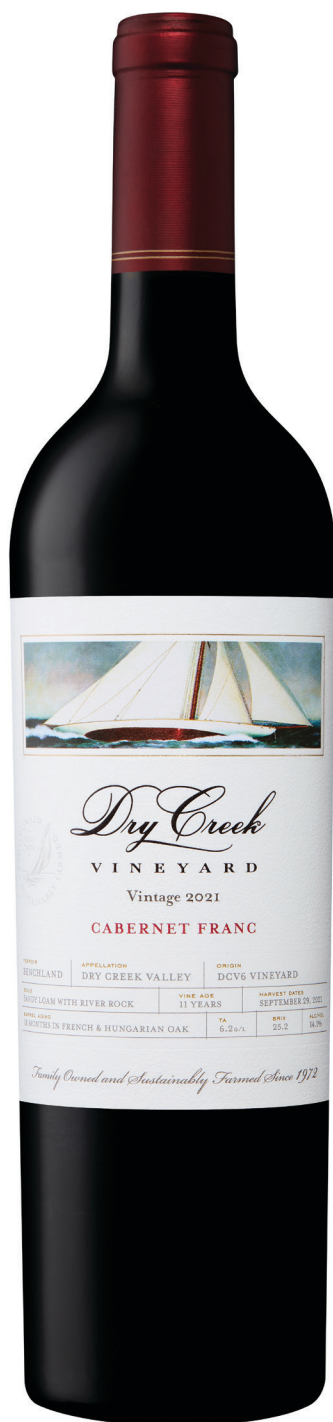




2021 CABERNET FRANC

Dry Creek Valley



HISTORY

Cabernet Franc may have origins entrenched in Bordeaux, but it has a home here in California's Dry Creek Valley as well. We find that this delicious varietal adds a layer of finesse and a peppery perfume as a blending component for our Bordeaux-inspired red wines, but is also outstanding all on its own. The Cabernet Franc we grow on our estate Bullock House vineyard stands out vintage after vintage, so we set aside a few barrels as a special wine available exclusively at our family winery.

GROWING SEASON

The 2021 growing season was moderate and consistent, with more typical start and end dates for our 50th harvest. Due to drought conditions, we saw less shoot growth, so we gave the vines extra care and attention when managing canopies and crop loads. The shorter shoots, combined with a below average fruit set, led to our yield being down compared to the prior year. However, the quality was very high overall!

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This voluptuous estate Cabernet Franc displays intriguing aromatics of black currant, spiced plum and blueberry. Additional airing reveals nuances of espresso, fine leather and clove. The palate has power and finesse, with luscious flavors of black currant, black and red cherries, and spiced plum complemented by hints of black tea, fine leather, cardamom and floral notes. A finish of fine tannins rounds out each indulgent sip.

BLEND

100% Cabernet Franc

FERMENTATION

15 days in fermenters at 82–88°F;
pumped over twice daily

BARREL AGING

18 months in French and
Hungarian oak; 39% new oak

ALCOHOL | 14.1%

BRIX | 24.5

PH | 3.51

TA | 6.2 g/L

HARVEST DATES

September 29, 2021

VINE AGE | 12 years

SOILS

Sandy loam with river rock

YIELDS

3–4 tons per acre