



2023 OAKVILLE RANCH VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

TASTING NOTES

Intoxicating aromas of cassis, tart cherry and violets. Sumptuous and exotic in the mouth with harmonious dark fruit, chocolate and bright herb flavors. Both lush and powerful, with a silky but structured core of tannins. This is a special Cabernet Franc from a remarkable site.

OAKVILLE RANCH VINEYARD

The spectacular Oakville Ranch Vineyard is located in the eastern hills of Oakville and ranges from an elevation of 600 to 1,000 feet. Views from here span the entire Napa Valley and south to San Francisco. Just below the Pritchard Hill AVA and just above Dalla Valle, Peter Michael's Au Paradis vineyard and Turnbull's Fortuna – this is a sweet-spot in the valley for some of Napa's most heralded wines.

Vineyard manager Phil Coturri does a remarkable job with the vines in these rocky, red volcanic clay loam soils – nurturing the development of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc with incredible power and richness as well as distinctive energy and brightness.

Dakota Shy sources from three blocks of Cabernet Franc and three blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon with a range of clones and rootstocks. The Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon lots are fermented separately and portions are carefully blended with some going to the Oakville Ranch single vineyard Cabernet Franc and the balance going into our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon blend.

SPECIFICATIONS

Appellation: Oakville

Blend: 90% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Barrel Aging: 18 months, 70% New French Oak

Clones: Cabernet Franc Clones 332 & Saunders (Detert), Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169 & 341 Caldwell

Rootstocks: Cabernet Franc on 1103P and 420A, Cabernet Sauvignon on 110R

Soils: Red iron-rich clay loam and volcanic rock

Vineyard Manager: Phil Coturri

Winemaker: Tom Garrett

Production: 500 cases, 20 barrels

