



# McKenzie-Mueller

VINEYARDS AND WINERY

## 2018 Cabernet Franc

**Vineyard:** Robert Mueller Vineyard; Los Carneros & Oak Knoll

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Winemaker:** Robert A. Mueller

**Harvest Date:** Hand harvested on September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Bottling Date:** September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**Production:** 460 Cases

**Blend:** 84% Cabernet Franc, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.9%

**Filtration:** None

**Cooperage:** 100% French Oak; new, used and neutral



***100% Estate Grown, Produced, and Bottled***

### **Notes from Harvest:**

February saw abundant rains. Bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer was virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild temperatures followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near-ideal conditions for fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Our 2018 Cabernet Franc shows aromas of vanilla, baking spices, lavender, rose petal, red cherry, red plum, and red bell pepper. On the palate, it's fruit-forward with flavors of Marciano cherries, pepper flakes, and tobacco. This wine can be cellared for another 8 years and still show freshness and vibrancy.

### **Suggested Food Pairings:**

Arugula and Goat Cheese Salad ~ Parmesan Crusted Potatoes ~ Filet Mignon