

OUTWARD

2019 Cabernet Franc

Curtis Vineyard

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Vineyard

Curtis Vineyard is located in the heart of the Santa Ynez Valley along Foxen Canyon road and is situated on a small plateau. The climate is slightly warmer than some of the more coastal sites within Santa Barbara County, however it still benefits immensely from the regulating force and influence of the ocean. The warmer climate allows for the superior ripening of Bordeaux and Rhone varietals, but still allows them to retain their acidity, due to extreme diurnal temperature shifts.

The vineyard is certified sustainable and farmed meticulously by Coastal Vineyard Care.

Winemaking

The 2019 Cabernet Franc was harvested by hand at 23.8 Brix on October 7, 2019.

The wine spent 19 days on the skins and was fermented with 50% whole cluster inclusion. No punchdowns were performed and only gentle pump-overs were practiced for cap management in order to encourage carbonic maceration character in the whole clusters. After fermentation, the wine was gently basket pressed and aged in neutral French oak barrels.

The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered in August 2020.

Tasting Notes

The Curtis Cabernet Franc has nice varietal aromas of green peppercorn, black currant, and graphite complimented by a punch of bright blue fruit from the whole cluster carbonic portion. The wine is savory and spicy on the palate with a burst of blue and black fruits, rich tannins, and a lengthy finish.

Details

Composition: 100% Cabernet Franc

Cases produced: 70

Harvest brix: 23.8

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.57

TA: 0.54g/100mL

RS: 0.02g/100mL

