

OUTWARD

2022 Curtis Vineyard Cabernet Franc

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.

winemaking

The 2022 Cabernet Franc was harvested on September 13, 2022. The wine spent 21 days on the skins with 50% whole cluster inclusion, and underwent a native yeast fermentation.

No punch-downs were performed and only gentle pour-overs were practiced for cap management in order to encourage carbonic maceration character in the whole clusters. After fermentation, the wine was basket pressed and aged in neutral French oak barrels. Minimal sulfur was added for stability before bottling without fining or filtration in July 2023.

tasting notes

This Cab Franc offers lively fruit character as well as approachable pyrazines. Aromas of sun-kissed chile peppers, fresh pomegranate, black currant, and mineral pack a punch on the palate. The wine is both delightfully spicy on the nose and fruit-forward on the palate, with energetic tannins and vibrant acidity.

details

- composition: 100% Cabernet Franc
- cases produced: 72
- harvest Brix: 23.1
- alc: 13.5
- pH: 3.78
- TA: 5.6 g/L
- RS: 0.1 g/L