

### TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: St. Helena

ALCOHOL: 15.0%

Рн: 3.6

TA: 6.3 g/L

AGING:

20 months in 51% new French oak

VARIETY: Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATE: October 19, 2021



## CHATEAU BUENA VISTA

# CABERNET FRANC

ST. HELENA

VINTAGE 2019

Founded in 1857, Buena Vista is California's first premium winery. Chateau Buena Vista honors the indelible presence of Buena Vista Winery as an icon of California winemaking and innovation. We celebrate the winery's historic contribution to Napa wine by offering this Cabernet Franc from St. Helena.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

The grapes for this Cabernet Franc, St. Helena were hand harvested on October 19 before being fermented in open top fermenters and aged in 51% new French oak barrels for 20 months before being bottled unfiltered.

#### TASTING NOTES

In a resplendent shade of brilliant red, this medium-bodied Cabernet Franc exudes an inviting and refreshingly approachable demeanor. The nose is graced with the vivacious presence of ripe red fruits, where a subtle touch of chocolate, delicate violets, and the whimsical essence of blueberries intermingle, like a symphony of fragrances that tell a captivating story. On the palate, luscious and rich flavors unfurl in layers, with cassis taking the lead and a touch of violet adding an elegant twist, all culminating in a long and memorably resonant finish that lingers like a cherished melody.