

Cobden Wini

2021 Old Federal Vineyard Cabernet Franc

50 cases produced

Winemaker Notes

Winemaker, Mark Davis, has always loved Cabernet Franc. After graduating from UC Davis, he constantly sought out Napa Cab Franc to try. In the right environment, it is a gorgeous grape and delicious subsequent wine. In 2021, we were able to start sourcing Cab Franc from the same vineyard that our Cabernet has been sourced from for years. This wine is silky smooth with loads of fruit aromatics and subtle floral notes. The finish is extremely long and the tannin structure is velvety and fully encompassing. A great first expression of Cab Franc from the legendary Old Federal Vineyard in Oakville.

Vineyards

The Old Federal Vineyard is a historic part of Napa vineyard history as well as grapegrowing history in general. Located within the original To-Kalon vineyard site just off Oakville Grade, it was initially used for rootstock testing by H.W Crabb, the original owner of the To-Kolan site. In 1922, this 20 acre section of the To-Kolan vineyard was purchased by the USDA to continue research on rootstocks and grapevines, hence the name "Old Federal Vineyard". Today the site is owned by UC Davis and some experimentation is still done in parts of the vineyard, but luckily for us, some of the fruit is still farmed for wine production and yields fruit that is dense and complex and reminds us why Oakville is considered one of the greatest locations for growing Cabernet in the world.

Technical notes

Barrel Description: 50% new French Oak, 50% once used French Oak, Darnajou, and Taransaud barrels.

Barrel aging: 22 months

Variety: 100% Cabernet Franc

pH: 3.54

TA: 6.3 g/L

VA: 0.37 g/L

Alc: 14.8%

