

In 1983, Tony and Herta (HB) Peju purchased thirty acres of vines in the famed Rutherford district of Napa Valley. They worked hard to build a winery, plant estate vineyards and raise their family. PEJU remains family-owned with Tony and HB's two daughters Ariana and Lisa guiding the business today. Ariana and Lisa are bringing fresh ideas while maintaining the meticulous focus on quality that began 40 years ago. With its landmark tower and warm hospitality, PEJU Winery is an integral part of the Napa Valley landscape.

NAPA VALLEY Cabernet Franc

# 2021 CABERNET FRANC, NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARDS

We know great wines are made in the vineyard. This is why we own, and farm six estate vineyards located throughout the Napa Valley. We are committed to farming sustainably and naturally to preserve these properties for the long term. Our Rutherford vineyard has been certified Organic since 2007 and all six of our estate vineyards are certified Fish Friendly Farming. Our 2021 Cabernet Franc features fruit from four of our six estate vineyards.

#### VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries, and a smooth harvest season. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions in Napa Valley. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes were packed full of flavor. Winemakers across the valley are excited about the prospects of the 2021s.

## TASTING

This wine marries elegance with accessibility. Its soft, round palate invites you to savor ripe blackberry and freshly picked brambleberry all subtly enhanced by a hint of Herbs de Provence. Once on the palate it immediately enchants with its elegance and charm. A stellar choice for food pairing, our Cabernet Franc shines particularly bright when paired with succulent lamb dishes as its herbaceous undertones perfectly complement the richness of the meat.

DETAILS	
Appellation:	Napa Valley
<b>Composition:</b>	81% Cabernet Franc,
	19% Cabernet Sauvignon
Oak:	French & American oak, 40% new
Aging:	18 months
Harvest:	October 2021
<b>Release:</b>	September 2023
Winemaker:	Sara Fowler
Alcohol:	14.5%

#### ACCOLADES

96 points, *The Tasting Panel* 93 points, *James Suckling* 91+ points, *Wine Advocate*