



CINNABAR
WINERY

2021 CABERNET FRANC

Lewis Vineyard

Lodi

Vineyards

Lewis Vineyard, Clements Hills

Vintner Ron Mosley

Winemaker Alejandro Aldama

Wine Analysis

Content: 100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.4% pH: 3.70

Acidity: 0.60g/100ml

Production: 117 cases

Release Date: Feb 8, 2024

Tasting Notes

Notes of violets, and fine herbs, with a small touch of dark chocolate. On the palate, we can feel the juicy plum notes, cloves, and silky tannins. This is the pure expression of the unique terrior of Lewis Vineyards in the Clements Hills AVA.

The Magic

The grapes were cold soaked for 3 days. Fermented for 10 days in open top fermenters. Punched down 3 times per day followed by gentle pressing of the lot, then moved into a stainless steel tank for 10 days to start the secondary fermentation, finally racked into French oak barrels to mature. 22 months in French oak (40% new, 30% 1 year, 30% 2 year old).

The Grape

Cabernet Franc creates a medium-bodied wine with great structure, and is lighter in color and body than its genetic offspring Cabernet Sauvignon. Loved for its minty, savory flavors and mouthwatering taste, Cab Franc is a great blender. Cabernet Franc also makes an exceptional standalone wine.

The Land

Clements Hills is east of the town of Lodi and experiences warmer days and, unlike Lodi, cooler nights. Rolling hills with pronounced rocky soils keep yields down, allowing Cab Franc to express its true varietal character. Lewis Vineyard runs parallel to the Mokelumne River, providing the vineyard with cool evening breezes from the Sacramento Delta.

The Season

The year began with sunny skies and a warm spring. But with the continuing drought, the vineyards were challenged. The vines response was to produce fewer clusters, and smaller berries, thus reduced yields. But the silver lining was while the crop was down, the concentration was amazing. The small berries were packed with color, flavor, and excellent tannins. The fall was perfect to take these berries to full ripeness with intensity. Overall, an excellent vintage!

