

GRGICH HILLS ESTATE

NAPA VALLEY



VINTAGE: Napa Valley experienced an above-average rainfall in the early months of 2019 with over 50 inches of rain in Rutherford. The residual moisture and colder than average soils led to a delayed start in budbreak. Spring and summer enjoyed moderate temperatures with no significant heat spikes until August. The harvest began in early September and finished the first week of November.

VINEYARD: Careful matching of clones and rootstocks in our Carneros vineyard produced a Cabernet Franc with a unique balance of freshness and complexity, along with an extraordinary density of velvety tannins. We farm our vineyards naturally, using the principles of regenerative agriculture, and they are certified organic.

THE WINE: The 2019 Cabernet Franc, *Miljenko's Selection*, is a full-bodied red that offers a fragrant floral bouquet of rosehip, fresh plum, and lily, followed by lush flavors of currants, red berries, and undertones of cardamom. The palate is soft and dense with silky tannins and a lingering aftertaste that leaves you wanting more.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Alcohol..... 14.5% by volume
Fermentation.... indigenous yeast;
3 weeks of skin contact
Harvest date..... October 25 - 31, 2019
Sugar 24.2° Brix (average)
Bottling date July 2021
Release date..... June 2022
Total acid 5.5 g/L
pH 3.69
Time in oak..... 20 months
Type of oak..... 100% French oak;
43% new barrels
Production..... 699 cases (12/750 ml.)
Blend 88% Cabernet Franc
10% Cab. Sauvignon
2% Petit Verdot