

LAVA CAP

WINERY



Founded in 1981, Lava Cap Winery is a third-generation family farm, located in the Sierra Foothills, at an elevation of 2,700ft. The winery and Estate Vineyards are located on a unique outcropping of volcanic soil, the inspiration for the wineries name. The result of elevation and distinct soils are wines that erupt with flavor.



2023 CABERNET FRANC

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Cabernet Franc is 100% estate grown at 2,500 feet on a steep northeast-facing slope. The head-trained vines, now nearly 30 years old, are planted in one of the coolest sections of the vineyard, where evening air settles as it moves down the western slope of the Sierra.

The soils are composed of heavily weathered volcanic material. Compared to the rough, rocky terrain at the top of the property, this site breaks down into a fine, almost powdery texture during the long, dry summers. The well-draining soils naturally moderate vine vigor and yields, resulting in Cabernet Franc with both concentration and balance.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2023 vintage delivered excellent structure and depth, resulting in a wine built for both immediate enjoyment and extended aging.

Fermented in stainless steel and aged in 100% French oak (first and second fill), the wine shows layered dark fruit with structure and polish. Racked once prior to bottling, it is approachable now while capable of aging 10–15 years.

Dark fruit compote, blackberry pie, and cassis lead into a plush, structured palate. The finish is vibrant and lifted, framed by notes of vanilla and clove.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 2023

Vineyard: Lava Cap Estate

Elevation: 2,700ft

Aging: 18 months French Oak, 10% new.

Cases Produced: 350

Alc.: 14.5%

pH: 3.65

TA: 6.0

Residual Sugar: 0.0 g/L

