



2016 DYER Vineyard Cabernet Franc
Diamond Mountain District, Napa Valley

Site Description: Dyer Vineyard is a 2.3 acre vineyard situated on a bench, mid-slope on Diamond Mountain. The exposition is north facing and the slope is 7-10%. The site is most probably an ancient land slide- rocky with fine volcanic soil and gravel ranging from ash to richer red soils. 17% of the vineyard is Cabernet Franc. Cab Franc grows beautifully in our volcanic soils and is the most important blending variety in our estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Frequently we bottle a small amount of 100% Cabernet Franc. The vineyard was planted in 1993 by Bill and Dawnine Dyer.

Winemaking Philosophy: For 22 years Cabernet Franc played the supporting role in our Diamond Mountain vineyard, grown exclusively for use in our Cabernet Sauvignon Blend. We've always loved Cab Franc for its steely floral aromatics and quiet power and, starting in 2013, have made a bottled a small amount on it's own- it was punched down by hand, pressed, and aged in French oak for a total of 20 months.

Vintage Notes: Salient features of the 2016 Harvest were related to heat events... one in July and 3 in September. September heat is always a challenge driving a wedge between sugar and physiological ripeness and making picking decisions harder. At Dyer we harvested September 26, at the tail of the last heat event with good maturity and slightly higher sugars than normal.

Tasting Notes: Highly aromatic, red-current and cherry with earthy notes of forest floor and graphite. mid weight, A full bodied Cabernet Franc.

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.7%
pH: 3.79
TA: 6.5 g/l

Winemakers: Bill & Dawnine Dyer
48 cases produced

