



• FRENCHIE WINERY •

FRENCHIE LOUIS XVI

RED BLEND

NAPA VALLEY

2022

FRENCHIE

Proprietor Jean-Charles Boisset's late French bulldog, Frenchie, represented the very essence of style, charisma and personality. With his stout stature and ability to steal everyone's heart, he was definitely royalty around the winery.

VINTAGE NOTES

The start of the 2022 growing season was marked by favorable weather conditions extending into the early summer months. However, the situation shifted as a prolonged heatwave emerged in late August, hastening the harvesting process and leading to diminished yields for certain grape varieties.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes for this prestigious blend were harvested between September 10 and 18, 2022, from a combination of three vineyards. The Merlot comes from the southern edge of Pope Valley, grown on Tehama soils at an elevation of approximately 600 feet. The Cabernet Franc was sourced from the eastern side of St. Helena, rooted in bale loam soils—derived from alluvial fan deposits and scattered with abundant obsidian chunks. The Petit Verdot originates from younger vines in the heart of St. Helena, planted on Pleasanton loam soils with a sandy clay composition. Following an extended maceration averaging 30 days on the skins, the wine was aged for 32 months in neutral French oak, allowing its character to fully develop.

TASTING NOTES

Draped in a velvety garnet sheen, this wine radiates a mesmerizing medley of blackcurrant, juicy plum, and cherry preserve, presenting a captivating overture to its richness. Succulent dark fruit notes unfold across the refined, layered palate, seamlessly laced with whispers of earthy underbrush, smoky mocha, and spiced berry tart. Assertive yet graceful, the silken tannins bestow a steadfast presence, concluding with a savory finale that lingers in enduring poise.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

PH: 3.74

TA: 6.7 g/L

VARIETY: 46% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Franc,
19% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGING: 32 months in neutral French oak

HARVEST DATES: September 10 - 18, 2022

VEGAN

