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Rooted in Cabernet

Cabernet Sauvignon has always been the crown jewel of Frank Family Vineyards. Our very first wine from the Winston Hill estate set the standard, and as our flagship, it continues to embody the sophistication, depth, and character of Napa Valley. For us, Cabernet is more than a wine; it is a legacy, a reflection of the land, the people, and the time-honored craft that defines Frank Family Vineyards.

In this *Cabernet Edition*, discover the artistry behind our wines: explore inspired culinary pairings that highlight the richness of Cabernet and bring people together around the table (page 18), delve into the art of aging that imparts depth and elegance to every vintage (page 22), and gain insight into the essential role of the barrel cooper in shaping flavor and structure (page 24). We are especially excited to share the debut of our new S&J Vineyard Cabernet, a wine that reflects thoughtful innovation, careful craftsmanship, and the distinctive character of Frank Family Vineyards Cabernet.

As the fall season unfolds, we hope you'll gather around the table with those you love, sharing hearty meals and raising a glass of Cabernet that speaks to both the history and the future of our winery.

Here's to celebrating the timeless elegance of Cabernet Sauvignon together.

Cheers!

Rich Frank Leslie Frank

Rich and Leslie Frank
Founders

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Reserve Cabernets

2022 S&J VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tasting Notes

Deep and alluring in the glass, it reveals layers of blackberry, cassis, and ripe black cherry, lifted by delicate notes of violet and graphite. The palate is plush yet structured, unfolding with rich dark fruit, hints of cocoa and espresso, and a whisper of warm spice. Silky tannins and balanced acidity carry the wine to a long, graceful finish, offering both immediate indulgence and the promise of elegance for years to come.

Blend Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winemaker Notes

The goal of this wine is to capture the power and poise of the rugged terrain of our estate vineyard in Napa's secluded Capell Valley. Handpicked in mid-October, the fruit was carefully fermented in small batches before spending 20 months in French oak barrels to achieve harmony between richness and refinement.

Vineyard Sourcing

The S&J Vineyard consists of 206 acres of land located east of the Vaca Mountain range in Napa's Capell Valley. Purchased in 2000, it is named for Rich and Leslie's grandchildren, Stella and Jeremy, and is planted to 58 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, 9 acres of Petite Sirah, and 9 acres of Zinfandel. The soil is fertile, well-drained and clay loam-based, reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench.

Aging

20 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% once-filled French oak barrels.

2022 RHF CABERNET SAUVIGNON 93 Points, [JamesSuckling.com](#), January 2025

Tasting Notes

Elegant yet rich, structured yet smooth, this beautifully crafted, classically styled wine honors Frank Family founder Richard Harvey Frank. Aromas of dark cherry and cocoa give way to enticing notes of toasted oak, anise, and cedar on a supple, lingering palate.

Blend Composition

97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Merlot

Winemaker Notes

The RHF offers traditional characteristics of the prestigious Rutherford sub-appellation, specifically its dust notes mid-palette, lend soft, earthy tones to the wine.

2022 BENJAMIN RANCH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tasting Notes

This single-vineyard wine embodies elegance and depth in equal measure. Layers of sophistication unfold from the first swirl, where refined aromas of cassis and dusty black plum rise gracefully from the glass. On the palate, rich espresso, velvety dark chocolate, and subtle undertones of warm spice flavors emerge, creating a luxurious, lingering finish that speaks to both the vineyard's character and the artistry of its craft.

Blend Composition

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Winemaker Notes

After a decade-long replanting journey to promote vine and soil health, Benjamin Vineyard is quickly becoming our Cabernet darling. The nearly 60 acres that encompass Benjamin Vineyard have been planted in ideal soils for producing Napa Valley's best Cabernet Sauvignons.

Vineyard Sourcing

Nestled in the Rutherford Bench, sits Benjamin Vineyard, named for Rich and Leslie Frank's youngest grandson. Comprised of gravelly, sandy loam soils, this perfect spot is rich in minerals to allow for healthy, balanced vines. While fertile, the soils are also incredibly well-draining, ensuring that there is enough stress throughout the growing season to reduce yields and, in turn, produce concentrated, complex, and balanced wines.

Aging

20 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% once and twice-filled French oak barrels.

Vineyard Sourcing

Frank Family's Benjamin Vineyard "on the valley floor" and our "crown jewel" Rutherford hillside vineyard, Winston Hill. Situated just across the Silverado Trail from Winston Hill, Benjamin Vineyard spans 87 acres, 70 of which are meticulously planted to vines. The Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard imparts remarkable depth and the signature "Rutherford dust"—a hallmark of elegance and terroir.

Aging

20 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% once-filled French oak barrels.



Reserve Chardonnays

2023 LEWIS VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

94 points, *JamesSuckling.com*, January 2025

Tasting Notes

Coming entirely from our estate vineyard in Carneros, this wine is both light and rich. Deftly layered flavors and creaminess in the texture give it extraordinary complexity. Hints of toast, lees, and custard are lifted with overtones of citrus and white peaches, finding plenty of freshness on the lingering finish.

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes

Everything starts with great grapes in the vineyard. Chardonnay from Lewis Vineyard displays pronounced aromatics and unmatched freshness, as well as remarkable varietal character and harmony. Our winemaking team makes minimal adjustments in the winery, allowing the natural flavors from the land to show through.

Vineyard Sourcing

Named after Rich and Leslie Frank's eldest grandson, Lewis Vineyard is strategically located in the cool heart of Carneros. The vineyard's two highest knolls, farmed exclusively for this wine, receive morning fog, afternoon breezes, and cool nighttime temperatures. This results in a beautiful wine that displays bracing acidity, richness, depth, and great ageability.

Aging

11 months in 100% new French oak barrels.

2018 LATE HARVEST CHARDONNAY

Tasting Notes

The Late Harvest Chardonnay radiates purity and opulence with its yellow amber hues. Intense aromas of dried apricots, quince paste, and hints of pear lead into a wet stone minerality, classic of botrytized wines. The palate is beautifully balanced with layers of spice and honey that mingle with tropical notes of candied mango and pineapple. The incredible richness provides a seemingly endless finish.

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes

This Late Harvest Chardonnay was crafted in the traditional European method, where botrytized grapes are left on the vine until the perfect concentration of flavors and aromas is achieved, usually meaning a Brix above 40. The wine was aged three years in 100% French oak barrels.

Vineyard Sourcing

This wine is sourced exclusively from Frank Family's Lewis Vineyard in Carneros. It is produced from Clone 809 planted near the vineyard's reservoir to increase humidity, thereby encouraging botrytis to form on the grapes.

Aging

Barrel fermented in neutral French oak and aged for three years before bottling.



Reserve Reds

2022 THE RILEY RED BLEND

Tasting Notes

This is a beautifully balanced, smooth-sipping red blend. Aromatically, this wine offers iris and black currant, accentuated by wisps of star anise and dried sage. Silky tannins and brilliant acidity cradle a palate full of candied rose petal, espresso, and Bing cherry.

Blend Composition

66% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Winemaker Notes

The Riley is a Merlot-driven red blend named for Rich and Leslie Frank's late German shepherd rescue. It's kept to limited production, and the blend composition changes from year to year depending on

Winemaker Notes (cont.)

what Mother Nature gives us. Regardless of vintage, Merlot will always be the dominant variety in this proprietary, red Bordeaux-style blend.

Vineyard Sourcing

Sourced from our estate Benjamin Vineyard in Rutherford as well as from grower-partners throughout Napa Valley, this wine showcases some of the finest Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot vineyards throughout the region.

Aging

20 months in 50% new and 50% once-filled French oak barrels.

2022 WINSTON HILL

94 Points, *JamesSuckling.com*, August 2025

Tasting Notes

Blended with small additions of Bordeaux's main grapes from our iconic hillside site, this delicious and sophisticated wine is Frank Family's flagship bottling. Its smooth palate boasts power and grace, with a harmonious union of blackberry coulis and savory herb tamed by fine-grained tannins. Notes of gravel and graphite dance along a structured and generous palate, carrying through to a memorable finish.

Blend Composition

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 6% Petit Verdot, 5% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker Notes

Always made using the best fruit from our 25-acre estate and hand-picked at optimal maturity, Winston Hill represents everything we strive to achieve in our winemaking. It's produced without regard to quantity and with only one goal in mind – to make the best wine that is the best expression of our land, year after year.

Vineyard Sourcing

Made using fruit from Winston Hill, situated on the eastern side of Napa Valley's Rutherford appellation, along the Vaca Mountain range. The hand-terraced vine rows have southwestern exposure and well-drained volcanic and sandstone soils that rise nearly 500 feet above the valley floor.

Aging

20 months in 75% new French oak barrels and 25% once-filled French oak barrels.

2023 LEWIS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Tasting Notes

This wine is lively and deep and drifts effortlessly out of the glass with provocative aromas of black raspberries, kirsch, and dried lilacs. The flavors on the palate echo the nose, charged with dark fruit and savory spices that are supported by velvety tannins into a long, fragrant finish.

Blend Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker Notes

Carneros is the coolest region in the Napa Valley. The temperate weather in combination with the location of our Lewis Vineyard, which sits on a slope facing the San Pablo Bay, truly makes this vineyard an ideal site for

2022 CHILES VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Tasting Notes

A beautiful and approachable expression of Zinfandel providing dark plum and mission fig aromas, followed by classic varietal characteristics of cocoa powder, fennel, and cracked pepper on the palate. Deep and rich in blackberry and vanilla bean, our Zinfandel shows balanced concentration and ripeness, framed by refreshingly bright acidity.

Blend Composition

88% Zinfandel, 12% Petite Sirah

Winemaker Notes

For us, Zinfandel encapsulates the essence of California winemaking. Steeped in America's viticultural heritage, Zinfandel vines have thrived in California soil since the mid-1880s. While the variety has become less prevalent in recent years, we take pride in championing this grape variety, producing a wine that stands shoulder to shoulder with the state's best Cabernets in sophistication and ageability.

Vineyard Sourcing

Often described as a "valley within a valley," the narrow Chiles Valley appellation is nestled in the Vaca Mountains along the northeast side of the Napa Valley. It lies approximately 1,000 feet above the Napa Valley floor and has a unique microclimate. The higher elevation results in daytime breezes and cooler nights that create a long, even growing season. Bud break and harvest occur later, which, in part, lends distinctive flavor and quality to the wines.

Aging

18 months in 50% new French oak barrels and 50% neutral barrels.

Winemaker Notes (cont.)

growing Pinot Noir. The grapes are kept separate from other lots throughout the winemaking process, resulting in a single vineyard wine bursting with energy, grace, and length.

Vineyard Sourcing

Lewis Vineyard has been a part of our portfolio since 2000 and has become the cornerstone of Frank Family's Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and sparkling wine programs.

Aging

11 months in 40% new and 60% once-filled French oak barrels.



Sparkling Wines

2015 LADY EDYTHER RESERVE BRUT 91 Points, JamesSuckling.com, January 2024

Tasting Notes
Named in honor of Rich Frank’s mother, the Lady Edythe is a late disgorged sparkling wine with nine years on its lees. This wine expertly shows a stunning balance between richness and its Classic Champenoise acidity. It has a pure citrus and honeysuckle aroma followed by a wonderful toastiness and a finely structured, delicate mousse.

Blend Composition
66% Chardonnay, 34% Pinot Noir

Winemaker Notes
This 10-year-old sparkling wine is Frank Family’s version of a tête de cuvée, essentially the best of our best. The predominate Chardonnay in this blend provides the wine’s framework and structure, while the added Pinot Noir gives the Lady Edythe muscle, body, and flesh. It’s a delicate process to get right.

Aging
Rested on spent yeast cells for 9 years before disgorgement in February 2024.

2020 ROUGE

Tasting Notes
Deep crimson in the glass with a bouquet of raspberries, wild roses, and forest herbs, the 2020 Rouge is entrancing. The palate boasts harmoniums layers of fresh fruitiness and tartness, accentuated by a creamy vanilla mousse and mouthwatering acidity. Balanced to perfection, it concludes with lingering bursts of pomegranate and wild berries.

Blend Composition
67% Pinot Noir, 33% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes
All our sparkling wines require a patient approach, and our Rouge is no exception. Like all Frank Family sparkling wines, the Rouge is created using the méthode champenoise, in which the secondary fermentation occurs in the bottle.

Aging
Rested on spent yeast cells for 3 years before disgorgement in February 2024.

2020 BLANC DE BLANCS

Tasting Notes
Crisp and elegant, our signature sparkler reveals a lively lemony mousse and a bright, refreshing acidity. The 2020 Blanc de Blancs opens with inviting aromas of stone fruit, lime, and freshly baked bread, unfolding on the palate with layers of richness and depth. Fine, persistent bubbles carry notes of ground ginger and lemon rind through to a long, graceful finish.

Blend Composition
100% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes
Frank Family Blanc de Blancs is crafted in the traditional French method, with secondary fermentation occurring in the bottle. The wine is then aged on its lees for nearly four years before disgorgement.

Aging
Bottled in June 2021, this wine aged on its lees for nearly four years before being disgorged in February 2025.

2020 BRUT ROSÉ

Tasting Notes
Beautifully sunset-hued, this Pinot Noir-based sparkler exudes elegance as well as richness. Hints of framboise and rose petals are married with brioche on the nose, meeting a lovely depth of fruit on the lush palate, while fresh strawberries and cream laced with delicate pearl bubbles flow seamlessly through to the finish.

Blend Composition
90% Pinot Noir, 10% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes
Frank Family Sparkling Rosé is lovingly crafted in the traditional French method, with its delicate bubbles born from a secondary fermentation in the bottle. The wine is then gracefully rested on its lees for nearly four years, developing layers of elegance and depth.

Aging
Bottled in June 2021, this wine aged on its lees for nearly four years before being disgorged in February 2025.

Napa Valley Wines

2023 CARNEROS CHARDONNAY 94 points, *JamesSuckling.com*, January 2025

Tasting Notes

Hailing from the coveted Carneros region, this wine leads with zesty lemon and guava aromas that are tempered by notes of vanilla and caramel-covered apples. Delicious layers of nutmeg and crème brûlée seamlessly combine with hints of toasted oak and elegant waves of fresh acidity on the palate, leading to a bright finish.

Blend Composition

100% Chardonnay

Winemaker Notes

As with all our white wines, we are looking for texture and complexity. To achieve this, we practice a long, cold fermentation and then put the wine through partial malolactic fermentation to soften the overall high acidity. While aging, we employ bâtonnage (hand-stirring the lees) regularly to promote depth and longevity in the wine.

Vineyard Sourcing

The foundation for the Carneros Chardonnay is the winery's own Lewis Vineyard, with additions from neighboring Beckstoffer Vineyards in Napa-Carneros and Sangiacomo Vineyards located in Sonoma-Carneros.

Aging

Barrel fermented in 34% new and 33% once- and twice filled French oak barrels for 9 months.

2022 NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 92 points, *JamesSuckling.com*, January 2025

Tasting Notes

This is a powerful, classically structured wine made in a full-bodied style that possess underlying grace. Our signature Cabernet commences with inviting cassis, tobacco, and cocoa aromas. In the mouth, gorgeous depth and complexity shine with hints of coffee bean, nutmeg, and toasted oak. The tannins are finely ground and sweet, providing an elegant and expressive finish.

Blend Composition

87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, 2% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker Notes

We highlight the beauty and complexity of our valley in this appellation-designated wine, a seamless blend of Cabernet Sauvignon with a splash of Merlot to add

2023 CARNEROS PINOT NOIR 92 points, *JamesSuckling.com*, January 2025

Tasting Notes

Deeply garnet-colored in the glass, this wine brings savory energy to beautiful, fruit-driven aromas. Black cherry and crushed raspberry layers mingle with rosemary and wildflowers on the nose. The palate is finely structured with soft tannins balanced with lively acidity and fresh flavors of pomegranate, strawberry jam, black tea, and cedar.

Blend Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Winemaker Notes

This is a Carneros Pinot Noir through and through. California enjoys an abundance of sunshine and we farm with that in mind. While respecting the heritage and craft of Burgundian winemaking, our Pinot Noir is made to showcase the character of this beautiful fruit and its terroir at their very best.

Vineyard Sourcing

Frank Family's estate Lewis Vineyard provides the basis for this wine, with fruit from neighboring Beckstoffer Vineyards in Napa-Carneros and Sangiacomo Vineyards located in Sonoma-Carneros to round out the blend.

Aging

Barrel fermented in 33% new and 67% once- and twice filled French oak barrels for 9 months.

Winemaker Notes (cont.)

a touch of softness and suppleness, Petit Verdot to add color and structure, and Cabernet Franc to provide polish and finesse.

Vineyard Sourcing

Sourced primarily from our estate S&J Vineyard in Napa's Capell Valley and our Benjamin Vineyard located on the valley floor in the heart of Rutherford. Additional vineyard sources include neighboring Quarry Vineyard and Round Pond Estate, both in Rutherford, as well as Delouise and Shooting Star Vineyard in Napa Valley.

Aging

Barrel fermented in 33% new and 67% once- and twice filled French oak barrels for 20 months.



2022 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Tasting Notes

This lively expression of Zinfandel offers aromas of dark plum, raspberry coulis, and sandalwood on the nose. On the palate, flavors of baked strawberry, dried herbs, and ground pepper commingle, while ripe, firm tannins and fine acidity frame and lift the wine into a long, unending finish.

Blend Composition

90% Zinfandel, 10% Petite Sirah

Winemaker Notes

Zinfandel is foundational to California's viticultural heritage. This bright and bountiful grape has thrived in the Golden State since the 1880s. While it has waned in popularity as Napa Valley continues to

Winemaker Notes (cont.)

evolve to become more Cabernet-centric, Frank Family Vineyards is honored to champion this beautiful grape and its iconic legacy.

Vineyard Sourcing

This Napa Valley-designate wine is cultivated from Frank Family's S&J Vineyard in Napa's Capell Valley, our long-term grower partner, Sunseri Family Vineyards in Chiles Valley, and small vineyard blocks in St. Helena and Calistoga.

Aging

Barrel fermented in 30% new and 70% once- and twice filled French oak barrels for 17 months.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

USA TODAY 10BEST

Awards, coming in at no. 5. This national recognition highlights wine clubs that offer exceptional wines, unique member benefits, and unforgettable experiences. Winners were nominated by a panel of USA Today experts and chosen by public vote this summer. We are grateful to be included alongside some of the most respected wine programs in the country and thank you sincerely for being a part of our extended family!

USA TODAY NAMES FRANK FAMILY A TOP 5 BEST WINE CLUB

As a beloved destination for wine lovers across the country, we are thrilled to share that Frank Family Vineyards was awarded among the Best Wine Clubs of 2025 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice



MEET FRANK FAMILY'S NEW WINE CLUB AMBASSADOR, CHRISTOPHER MUNOZ

We are excited to announce the promotion of longtime Frank Family team member, Chris Munoz to Wine Club Ambassador! Chris joined Frank Family Vineyards in June 2016, beginning in the kitchen as a dishwasher and swiftly rising through the ranks into key hospitality roles. Chris has always shown great interest in interacting with our guests and having the opportunity to share our wines and story. "Whether I am managing the shipment of wines to our members' doorsteps or pouring wines for them in the Miller House Member Lounge, I truly love Frank Family and the joy our winery brings to people," says Chris.

In his new role, Chris will communicate with club members over the phone, through text, and email, and create customizable club

allocations. He will also answer questions that arise, especially leading up to our spring and fall shipments. But Chris will certainly get a chance to continue to do what he truly loves – spending time with all of you! We encourage you to say "hello" to Chris at our club member events or the next time you're in the tasting room.

ALWAYS IN STYLE: 2024 LESLIE ROSÉ TO BENEFIT DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Now in its fifth vintage, the 2024 Leslie Rosé is more than a seasonal favorite; it's a tribute to elegance, generosity, and the spirit of its namesake, Frank Family Co-Founder Leslie Frank. This year, 15% of proceeds from every bottle sold will benefit Dress for Success, a global nonprofit dedicated to empowering women to achieve economic independence.

"Dress for Success has long held a special place in my heart," says Leslie Frank. "As a former board member, I've seen firsthand the profound impact this organization has on women who are striving to build a better future. Supporting this mission through proceeds raised from our 2024 Leslie Rosé is an honor—it's a way to invest in women's potential and help provide the confidence, resources, and opportunities they need to succeed both professionally and personally."



FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS AND 4OCEAN ARE TURNING THE TIDE ON OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION

Frank Family Vineyards is proud to be a certified cleanup partner of 4ocean, supporting their mission to help end the ocean plastic crisis. Every purchase of Frank Family wine through July 2026 supports our collaboration with 4ocean to remove 50,000 pounds of trash and plastic from the world's oceans, rivers, and coastlines. 4ocean has led the clean ocean movement since 2017, with more than 40 million pounds of plastic waste and other man-made debris recovered through the company's efforts.

Frank Family Vineyards is not only helping to fund these high-impact cleanups around the world, but also taking action at home. From coastal beaches to inland waterways, lakes, and rivers, Frank Family is on a mission to bring our communities together through a series of nationwide cleanup events. Since the series' launch earlier this spring, we've recovered over 1,500 pounds of trash with nearly 500 club members, friends, and fans participating coast to coast. We are deeply grateful for the energy, heart, and commitment that Chicago, Newport, RI, Cape Cod, MA, and Seattle brought to each cleanup.

The second half of our cleanup series will launch in early 2026 and include new destinations such as Hawaii, Texas, Southern California, Florida, and New York. Be sure to follow us on Instagram at [@frankfamilyvineyards](#) and visit our website at [www.FrankFamilyVineyards.com/Philanthropy/4ocean](#) for updates!



FRANK FAMILY PARTNERS WITH THE JACQUES PÉPIN FOUNDATION TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH CULINARY EDUCATION

This year, Frank Family Vineyards is excited to partner with the Jacques Pépin Foundation through its 90/90 Dinner Series in celebration of Chef Jacques' 90th birthday on December 25, 2025. The 90/90 Campaign brings together the top chefs and restaurants across the country for 90 unforgettable dinners from an evening at Michelin-starred Restaurant Daniel in New York City earlier this spring to a series of dinners in Napa this fall. It's an honor to have Frank Family wines featured at these dinners across the country and having the opportunity to share our love for giving back to the community. We also had the pleasure of hosting our own 90/90 Dinner at the Miller House this summer complete with a French-inspired menu and hand-signed cookbooks for each guest.

Considered the greatest culinary educator of our time, Chef Jacques Pépin has his career to teaching technique by authoring over 30 cookbooks and hosting 13 public television series. An iconic chef, author, teacher, television personality, artist, and philanthropist, his legendary impact has touched lives and kitchens across decades and generations. The Jacques Pépin Foundation continues to advance Chef's love of culinary arts and education and supports the teaching of culinary skills through various channels to many communities.

Introducing the S&J Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



A Legacy in the Making

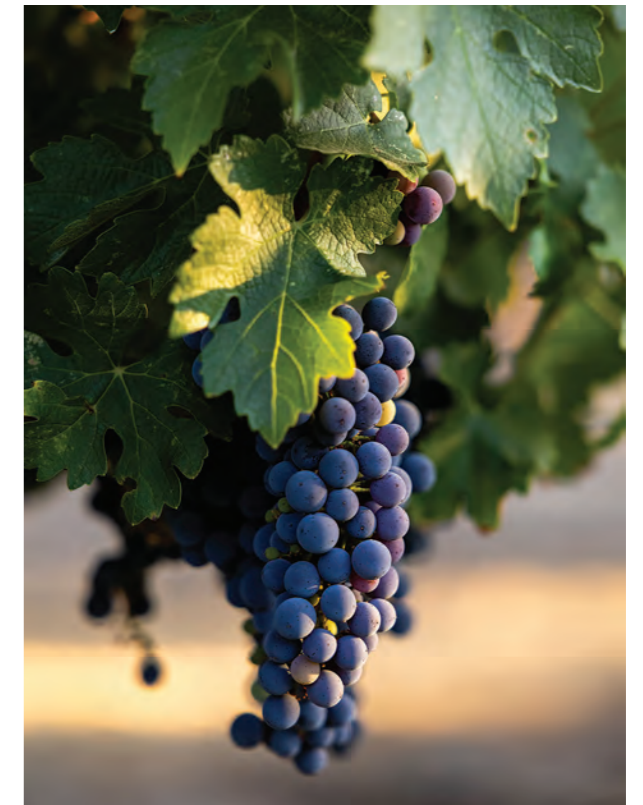
At Frank Family Vineyards, we believe great wines begin with great vineyards. Our estate properties across Napa Valley tell a story not only of terroir, but also of family legacy. Among them is the S&J Vineyard, a treasured site named for Rich and Leslie's grandchildren, Stella and Jeremy.

Tucked into Napa's Capell Valley, east of the Vaca Mountains, this 105-acre estate is planted to 75 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon, with smaller blocks of Petite Sirah and Zinfandel. From the start, the vineyard was cultivated with intention. Soil and microclimate studies revealed clay-loam soils reminiscent of the Rutherford Bench—well-drained, mineral-rich, and ideally suited for Cabernet that is both elegant and powerful.

Here, warm days and cool nights create balance, allowing the fruit to ripen slowly and evenly. The result is small, concentrated berries that yield deeply colored wines with structure, complexity, and finesse.

For more than two decades, S&J has been an integral part of our winemaking, though its fruit has only been used in blends. Today, we are proud to unveil its singular voice with the 2022 S&J Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon—a tribute to Stella and Jeremy, and to the enduring bond between family and land.

The 2022 vintage reveals a Cabernet both bold and graceful, layered with dark fruit, fine-grained tannins, and an elegant, lingering finish. It is a wine born of place and legacy, crafted to be shared in life's most meaningful moments.



Pairing Spotlight

S&J Vineyard Cabernet with Truffle Carbonara

SERVES 2

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add spaghetti and cook until al dente, about 9–10 minutes. Reserve ½ cup of pasta water before draining.
2. In a bowl, whisk together egg yolks, whole egg, Parmesan, truffle oil, and a generous amount of freshly ground black pepper. Set aside.
3. In a large skillet over low heat, melt the butter. Add the drained spaghetti and toss to coat. Remove the skillet from the heat, then slowly pour in the egg-and-cheese mixture, tossing quickly to create a creamy sauce. Add the reserved pasta water a little at a time until you reach your desired consistency.
4. Divide the pasta between plates. Garnish with shaved truffle. Enjoy!

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes

INGREDIENTS

7 oz spaghetti
2 large egg yolks
1 large whole egg
1 cup Parmesan cheese,
finely grated
1 Tbsp white truffle oil
1 Tbsp unsalted butter
Freshly ground black pepper,
to taste
1–2 Tbsp salt
Fresh black truffle, thinly
shaved, for garnish



SEASONAL COCKTAIL RECIPE

Winter Sangria

SERVES 4-6

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cool Time: 4-6 hours

Total Time: 4-6 hours and 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS

1 bottle Frank Family Napa Valley Cabernet (750 ml)
¼ cup brandy
2 Tbsp maple syrup (adjust to taste)
1 orange, thinly sliced
1 apple, cored and thinly sliced
1 pear, cored and thinly sliced
2 cinnamon sticks
4-6 whole cloves
½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg (optional)
Sparkling water or club soda, to top (optional)

1. In a large pitcher, combine the Cabernet, brandy, maple syrup, and all sliced fruit. Stir gently to mix.
2. Add the cinnamon sticks, cloves, and nutmeg. Stir lightly to distribute the spices.
3. Cover the pitcher and refrigerate for 4-6 hours, to let the flavors meld.
4. Pour into glasses. Make sure each gets some fruit. Top with a splash of sparkling water if you like a lighter, fizzy sangria.
5. Garnish with a cinnamon stick or orange slice for a festive touch. Enjoy!





Time in a Bottle: Guide to Aging Wine

There is a quiet wonder in opening a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon that has been resting for years. At first, there's hesitation—will it have held up, has it grown more beautiful, or slipped past its peak? Then the cork eases out, the first aromas escape, and anticipation shifts to delight. What fills the glass is more than wine; it's a story written by both time and place.

For Napa Valley, the foundation of that story is terroir: sunlit days, cool nights, and a climate perfectly suited to ripening Cabernet with depth and balance. But for Frank Family Vineyards, the endurance of our wines comes down to more than Napa's reputation. It is about where and how we farm, and the philosophy we bring into the cellar.

BUILT TO LAST

Our Winston Hill Vineyard rises nearly 500 feet above the Rutherford Valley floor, where naturally occurring rocky, volcanic, and sandstone soils limit yields. The stress of the site produces small, intensely flavored berries that form the backbone of our most age-worthy wines. Hand-harvested fruit is treated with care—extended maceration, precision blending, and aging in French oak barrels—allowing each component to find its harmony.

As Winemaker Todd Graff explains, “A wine cannot improve with age without first having a balance between structure and freshness.” This balance is at the heart of Frank Family Vineyards' style. Natural acidity keeps the wine vibrant, while firm, finely woven tannins lend the structure to evolve for decades. Our 2019 Winston Hill, for example, spent 20 months in French oak—75% new, 25% once-filled—developing complexity and polish without overwhelming the fruit.

A WINE IN MOTION

Time transforms every layer. What begins as bold cassis, blackberry, and raspberry gradually takes on refinement, with nuances of dried herbs, cedar, leather, and violet emerging over the years. Even truffles and graphite can reveal themselves in maturity. This metamorphosis is why Winston Hill remains so thrilling to revisit across vintages.

Take the 2013 Winston Hill—a wine that Robert Parker once described as “world-class Cabernet Sauvignon to drink over the next 25–30 years.” More than a decade later, it continues to unfold in the glass, a testament to both the site and the craft behind it.

A JOURNEY WORTH SAVORING

Aging wine is not a straight line from good to better to best; it is a winding path, with beauty at many stops along the way. To truly appreciate this, we recommend a simple experiment: collect three bottles of the same vintage, opening the first upon release, the second after five to eight years, and the last after a decade or more. You'll find that each moment in time offers a unique expression of place, vintage, and patience.

EXPLORE THE LEGACY

For those eager to taste this evolution without waiting, our Frank Family Library Shop offers rare bottlings spanning our three-decade history. Each vintage is a snapshot of our vineyards, our winemaking, and the season in which it was grown, preserved in a bottle until the moment you decide to share it.



Inside the Barrel Exploring the Art of Cooperage

At Frank Family Vineyards, the journey of our Cabernet Sauvignon begins long before the wine reaches your glass — it starts in the vineyard and matures inside the barrel. For approximately 20 to 22 months, our wines rest in carefully-selected 100% French oak barrels, a patient process that softens tannins, builds structure, and deepens aromatic complexity. The barrel is not merely a vessel; it is an active partner in shaping the character and balance of our wines, especially our Cabernet.

Cooperage, the art and craft of barrel-making, meticulously combines tradition, precision, and intuition. Frank Family Vineyards has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the French cooperage Seguin Moreau, whose history in Cognac dates back to 1838. This pioneering cooperage brings centuries of expertise, blending modern machinery with handcrafting to create barrels of exceptional consistency and quality. Their Napa workshop, established in 1994, continues the legacy of excellence, producing oak that shapes some of the most revered wines in California.

Each barrel begins as carefully chosen oak, air-dried for months to reduce harsh tannins and enhance natural flavors. The staves are handcrafted, bent, and toasted over fire under the watchful eyes of coopers with more than 20 years of experience. For our Cabernet, Senior Winemaker and General Manager Todd Graff selects barrels with a medium-plus toast. This level of fire exposure gently chars the inside of the oak, transforming its natural compounds into flavors of dark chocolate, cassis, espresso, and spice. “I choose medium-plus toast because it gives us the best of both worlds,” Todd explains. “It frames the wine beautifully while allowing the purity of our fruit to stay front and center.”

Balance is at the heart of Frank Family Vineyards Cabernet. The choice between new and neutral oak is deliberate: our Napa Valley Cabernet receives 33% new oak, offering refinement and depth, while our more concentrated Reserve Cabernets see 50% new oak, amplifying intensity, richness, and ageability. This careful orchestration ensures that each vintage expresses the vibrant energy, elegance, and signature structure that Frank Family Vineyards Cabernet is known for.

The barrel also shapes the texture and mouthfeel of the wine. Through slow oxidation, the oak softens tannins, stabilizes color, and encourages aromatic development, allowing the true character of our vineyards to take the spotlight. Indeed, allowing our fruit to shine is Todd’s guiding winemaking philosophy.

“*Each barrel acts as both sculptor and protector, guiding the wine toward harmony while preserving its varietal essence.*”

—Senior Winemaker and General Manager Todd Graff

Sustainability is central to Frank Family Vineyards’ cooperage practices. By responsibly sourcing oak and maximizing barrel longevity, we honor both the environment and the craft, ensuring that the legacy of the barrel is as enduring as the wine it shapes.

Rooted in the centuries-old traditions and shaped by Napa coopers, the barrel is the foundation of Frank Family Vineyards Cabernet’s signature style. Every choice—from oak origin and toast level to aging duration, and new-versus-neutral balance—reflects a philosophy of harmony and structure. Guided by Todd Graff, the barrels preserve vineyard character, nurture the wine’s development, and ensure each bottle delivers elegance, energy, and age-worthiness, offering a window into the care, expertise, and artistry behind every pour.



In Good Company

STORIES FROM FRANK FAMILY FANS



"I have been a Frank Family wine club member for twenty years, and my journey with the winery began on a girls' trip when our driver suggested we stop by. We had a blast tasting wines with Dennis [Zablosky], bought several cases, and I joined the wine club that day.

Ten years ago, I began gifting wine club memberships to my four children, making it a cherished part of their Christmas each year. What I love most about being a member is sharing tastings with family and friends and receiving our shipments twice a year. I've also attended a few events, which have been incredibly fun and memorable.

The Frank Family team is exceptionally welcoming, going out of their way to *make you feel like part of the family*. Mike [Freitas] has personally delivered many cases of wine to the Culinary Institute for my daughter's wedding, and Jennifer [Higgins] reaches out before almost every shipment to check if anyone's address has changed. *It's these thoughtful touches that make Frank Family truly special.* Frank Family is our family wine, and every Grace family celebration includes several bottles.

My favorite Frank Family Cabernet is the 2018 Rutherford Cab—though I only have a few bottles left! Another unforgettable memory was the day before my daughter's wedding, when Liam [Gearity] hosted a wine tasting at the winery for family and friends. Many guests fell in love with Frank Family wines that day, and they still talk about the amazing experience.

Over the years, our family has created so many treasured Frank Family memories—from my youngest son's "guest book" (a 9L bottle) at his wedding, to place cards adorned with Frank Family corks, and snapshots of family gatherings that feature our favorite wines front and center."

—Susan Grace



"We've been proud Frank Family wine club members since 2016. What makes the experience truly special is the personal connection we've built with Rich and Leslie. From the very beginning, they've welcomed us like family, sharing their passion, warmth, and stories that make every visit feel personal and memorable.

Our favorite part of being members is seeing their dedication firsthand—how they pour themselves into every wine, every event, and every interaction. Their hospitality turns tastings into experiences and shipments into moments we look forward to, reminding us why *Frank Family feels like an extension of our own family*.

We've been on nearly every Frank Family cruise, missing only one, and each trip has been a testament to the care and connection Rich and Leslie [Frank] cultivate with members. From laughter-filled tastings to behind-the-scenes stories, they make every experience unforgettable.

Being part of the Frank Family wine club is about so much more than wine—it's about the relationships, the celebrations, and the sense of family that Rich and Leslie create every single day. Their presence transforms every visit and every bottle into a cherished memory."

—Tony & Mariann Parasida



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