

## Oakville Ranch Napa Valley 2016 Robert's Cabernet Franc

A wine that speaks of its origins, Robert's Cabernet Franc derives its complexity each vintage from the red volcanic soil of the highest vineyard blocks at Oakville Ranch, reflecting notes of the surrounding chaparral and sage. A break in the drought and moderate temperatures in 2016 allowed optimum ripening, and the nose of this wine is richly perfumed, with aromas of violet and lilac backed by fresh herbal notes. On the palate, this wine is balanced and voluptuous, displaying ripe fruit flavors dominated by black currant and plum, with undertones of sweet baking spices and cocoa.

<b>Appellation</b>	100% Oakville Ranch, Napa Valley
<b>Varietal</b>	82% Cabernet Franc 18% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Harvest Date</b>	October 7 – 12, 2016
<b>Fermentation</b>	blocks picked and fermented separately in small vessels, 1 – 1.5 tons each 14 – 16 days on skins
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	22 months in 225L French oak barrels, 90% new
<b>Bottling Date</b>	August 31, 2018
<b>Alcohol</b>	15.9%
<b>Released</b>	October 2019
<b>Production</b>	141 6-pack cases 750 ml; 4 1.5L cases

Oakville Ranch is the original mountain vineyard of the Oakville sub-appellation, a tiny district that produces some of Napa Valley's most celebrated Cabernets. A place of dramatic beauty and dedication to organic farming, Oakville Ranch farms its hollows and terraces in a well-planned program of sustainability, and has crafted singular wines expressive of its distinctive terroir since 1989.

Less than a quarter of the historic 330-acre property is planted to grapes, along with orchards, vegetable gardens and bee hives – all cultivated in harmony with the untouched natural habitat which sustains native flora and fauna.

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