



andrew lane

# *Cabernet Franc*

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Renowned for our flagship Napa Valley Gamay Noir, the 2005 Cabernet Franc will come to be known as the strawberry blonde's sexy, raven-haired sister. This Cabernet Franc is a city girl, but has roots in the historic Saunders Estate Vineyard, east of the Oakville Cross in Napa Valley, where the Dickson family has been crafting limited production, artisan wines of distinction for 30 years.

And that's where she comes in. Strong and complex, this rich Cabernet Franc slams poetry from the bottle. Eggplant in color, the wine shows aromas and flavors of vanilla, blueberries and black figs sprinkled with cardamom. Imagine an open market in Bombay, where exotic spices spill over soft, dark fruits, feeding your senses. This rugged Cabernet Franc is alive, blended with fruit-driven Pope Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot sourced from ancient vines in Lodi that were picked the day after Thanksgiving. But this is not turkey wine. This is tamarind-braised short ribs wine. This is comfort wine with soul.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

Hang time in 2005 was the longest on record for many in Napa and led to the lively ripe flavors and supple textures found in this Cabernet Franc. The wine was fermented at cool temperatures followed by 30-day extended maceration. It was aged in tank and barrel-incorporating new French oak and French oak staves.

## ANDREW LANE WINES

Andrew Lane is a small family winery that began in St. Helena, California in 1978. Founded by David Dickson and named for his two sons, Andrew and Lane, we have enjoyed a reputation for limited production wines of exceptional quality for over three decades. Drawing fruit from a select few of Napa Valley's finest vineyards, we specialize in Oakville hillside Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah and a Gamay Noir from one of the last remaining vineyards of its kind. With our move to Emeryville in 2005, the Dickson family now celebrates the progressive nature of the urban wine experience as a proud member of the thriving [East Bay Vintners Alliance](#).

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Varietal Composition:	Harvest Dates:	100% New French Oak / 24 mos.
85% Cabernet Franc	October 20	Production: 380 Cases
11% Cabernet Sauvignon	October 8	Retail: \$35
4% Petit Verdot	November 25	