

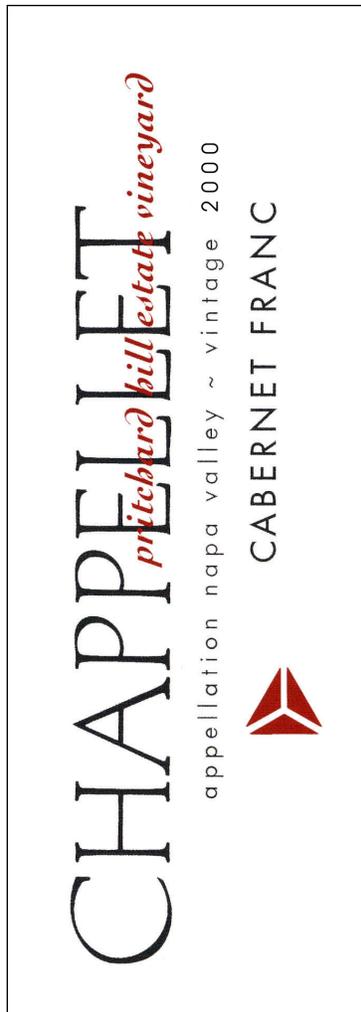


# CHAPPELLET

## 2000 CABERNET FRANC

### PRITCHARD HILL ESTATE VINEYARD

WINEMAKER PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS



#### WINE STATISTICS

Harvested October 27, 2000

26.2°Brix at harvest

Bottled August 15, 2002

Release Date March 1, 2003

Less than 300 cases produced

14.5% alcohol

TA – 0.53 g/100 ml

pH – 3.72

#### VINTAGE

Our Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a traditional Bordeaux blend with Cabernet Franc as its base. The original vines were planted in 1989 solely to support our Cabernet Sauvignon making this a relatively new discovery. The property is highly suitable to the Bordeaux varietals and the Cabernet Franc thrives on Pritchard Hill. Each year the blend varies depending on the strength of the other varietals and what they can bring to the wine. This year's final blend consists of 81% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Petit Verdot. The wine was blended after spending 18 months in 60% new French oak.

#### GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

In 2000, we enjoyed another excellent growing season which allowed us to produce our second vintage of this extraordinary wine. The mild, even weather allowed for slow, steady ripening and a consistent and evenly spaced harvest. With such beautiful weather and a long hang-time, the fruit developed dark and vibrant flavors and acid balance. The resulting wines have excellent color and fully developed varietal flavors.

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine displays complex aromas of ripe blackberry and black cherry, roasted coffee, dark chocolate and anise. Toasted French oak and hints of bay leaf and fresh mint add top notes of spice to the nose. The palate is lush, mouthfilling and full of ripe fruit and spice. Soft, rounded tannins are integrated with a rich viscous texture. Drink now or enjoy over the next 10 years.