



CHAPPELLET

# 2004 PRITCHARD HILL ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

WINEMAKER, *PHILLIP CORALLO-TITUS*



## THE WINE

Chappellet's Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a traditional Bordeaux blend with Cabernet Franc at its base. The original vines were planted in 1989, making Cabernet Franc a relatively new addition to Pritchard Hill. This varietal thrives on the hill's volcanic soils, where conditions are ideal for developing ripe, concentrated flavors. The wine was bottled after spending 18 months in French Oak barrels (60 % new).

## GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST

Warm, consistent summer weather was bracketed by an early spring bud break and several late summer hot spells, creating growing conditions that allowed for one of the earliest harvest periods in almost a decade.

## TASTING NOTES

Lively and refined aromas of cherry, cassis and spice integrate seamlessly into layers of sweet oak. Notes of mocha and roasted coffee add depth and richness. Red fruit, dried herbs and exotic spice flavors are displayed on an elegant framework of soft tannins and smooth supple texture.

## WINE STATISTICS

Harvested Sept. 20—Sept. 26, 2004  
14.9% Alcohol  
TA—0.54g/100ml  
pH—3.76

## WINE BLEND

Cabernet Franc 75%  
Merlot 14%  
Cabernet Sauvignon 9%  
Malbec 2%