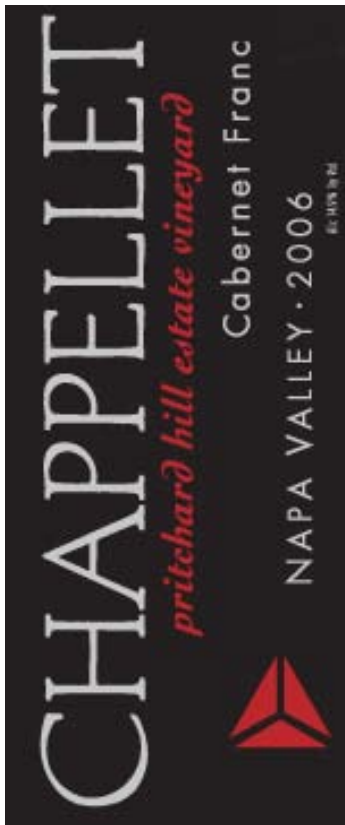




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# 2006 PRITCHARD HILL ESTATE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

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 percent of which were new.

## GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST

The 2006 growing season began with a cool, wet spring, which delayed bud break by several weeks. With the arrival of sunshine and warmth in June, the vines began to bloom and set fruit. A brief, beneficial heat wave in early July allowed the fruit to "catch up" without causing any damage. The remainder of the summer offered mild, seasonal weather all the way up to harvest, resulting in well-paced, even ripening.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2006 Pritchard Hill Estate Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a wine of power and elegance, exhibiting all the structure associated with the volcanic soils of our mountainside vineyard. Both complex and comforting, it offers nuanced layers of mocha, roasted coffee and baked cherry pie, alongside subtle French oak notes of vanilla and toast. On the palate, this wine's stature and sophistication are balanced by a soft, sumptuous side that highlights beautiful violet elements, lush dark fruit, and hints of dusty dark chocolate.

## WINE STATISTICS

Harvested September 29-October 13,  
2006

15.1% Alcohol  
TA—0.55g/100ml  
pH—3.76

## WINE BLEND

Cabernet Franc 77%  
Malbec 14%  
Merlot 9%