

Jacob Franklin



2012

CABERNET FRANC
HOLBROOK MITCHELL VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

HARVEST DATES:	October 13
GRAPE SOURCE:	Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard – Yountville, Napa Valley
BLEND:	96% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon (Morisoli Vineyard)
HARVEST BRIX:	26.8°
MACERATION:	15 day native yeast fermentation
AGING:	22 months in French Oak (72% new)
pH:	3.76
TA:	5.17 g/L
ALCOHOL:	15.2%
PRODUCTION:	53 cases 12-pack 750ml

TASTING NOTES:

On the steepest slope and highest point of the Holbrook Mitchell Vineyard, mature Cabernet Franc vines steadfastly grip the thin, rocky soil as their sparse canes reach up to the sun. Life is not easy for these vines, but we reap the benefits of their struggle.

This 2012 Cabernet Franc is deep crimson red in color with aromas of cassis, tobacco, spearmint, and earth. It has a smooth entry on the palate with a rich mouthfeel and lush flavors of wild plums, cherries, blackberries, and sweet spice. Full bodied yet extremely well structured and balanced with deep fruit flavors, well integrated tannins and a seductively long finish.

Pair with roast beef tenderloin, pasta, fowl, and cheese.

This wine really shows off when decanted now, but will reward you with cellaring for another 10 – 12 years.

ABOUT JACOB FRANKLIN:

Jacob Franklin Cellars debut bottling was in 1998 and we fondly and literally refer to it as the brother label of Elyse Winery. The man behind the label is our son Jake, who, at the ripe age of eight asked, “When do I get my own label without her name on it?” Good point. And as parents not wanting to show favoritism, why not create a namesake label for him as well? We had gained access to some extremely limited fruit from some highly desirable vineyards in the valley and this label was the perfect place to showcase them, as well as our only estate wine, Hoffman Lane Cabernet Sauvignon.

Jacob Franklin Cellars is focused on small production, low yield, vineyard designate wines from the Napa Valley. Due to the extremely limited production, these wines are available exclusively through the winery.



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