

Estate Vineyard and Winery | Livermore Valley

# **2020 Cabernet Franc**

Livermore Valley Red

#### **WINERY AND VINEYARD**

Rodrigue Molyneaux Estate Winery and Vineyard sits on 5 acres in the Livermore Valley AVA. We have been producing fine Bordeaux and Italian style wines and blends since 1998. The Livermore Valley AVA is situated 30 miles east of the Pacific Ocean. This proximity to the ocean, with foothills surrounding the valley, creates temperature fluctuations perfect for grape growing. Vines develop deep roots in the alluvial soils deposited over ancient riverbeds that left behind mineral rich soils.

#### WINEMAKING

2.15 tons were harvested from the Casa de Viñas Vineyard on 10/28/2020. The grapes were destemmed and fermented on skins for 8 days with D254 yeast, before being pressed off the skins and barreled down to 6 barrels. The wine was aged in 52% 2nd-use American, 23% 2nd-use French, and 25% neutral oak for 19 months. It went through medium filtration and 96 cases were bottled on 6/22/2022 at 14.2% ABV.

## **TASTING NOTES**

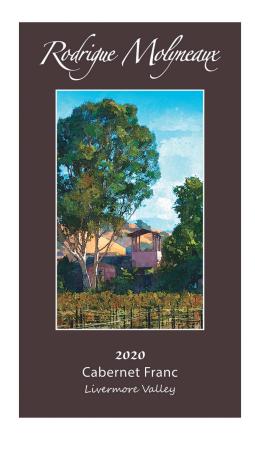
This wine has a bouquet of smoke, warm spices, and candied cherries; reminiscent of cherry cavendish tobacco. Medium-bodied, the red fruit shines through with bright cherry, red apple, and currants, joined by darker flavors of black tea and pepper. It finishes lightly tannic with a mild acidity that makes it refreshingly approachable.

#### **AWARDS**

92 pts. - Wine Enthusiast 90 pts., Gold - 2024 Orange County Fair

#### **FOOD PAIRING**

Chicken Tomato Curry • Grilled Sausages with Polenta & Tapenade • Grilled Pork Ribs



#### **VINEYARD SITES**

Casa de Viñas Vineyard

### **CASES PRODUCED**

96

## **VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

98% Cabernet Franc 1% Cabernet Sauvignon 1% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.2%