



# BUTTONWOOD

WINERY & VINEYARD

## 2015 Cabernet Franc

PROUDLY GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED ON OUR SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ESTATE

### OVERVIEW

Our standout red, Cabernet Franc is full of finesse and verve! Perfect with grilled fare, whether its vegetables, ribs, swordfish or burgers.

### BLEND

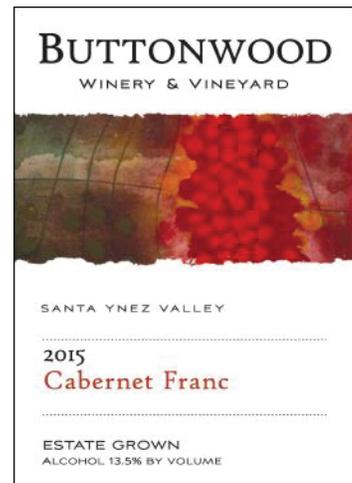
100% Cabernet Franc

### SPECS

13.5% Alcohol, 3.68 pH, 6.7g/L acidity

### PRODUCTION

218 cases bottled in December 2017



### THE VINEYARD

Intersected by a riparian corridor canyon, the 3.41 acres of Cabernet Franc graces the southeastern corner of the vineyard, with rows running north-south. As with all of the vines, it is on its “own roots”. Meticulous canopy and crop sizing is paramount to ripening the finicky Franc to perfection.

### THE VINTAGE

2015 began warm with few frosts to keep vines dormant, and crazy winds during flowering. Combined with a continued drought condition, the crop yield was severely reduced. Quantity terrible, Quality great. Just 3.4 tons of Cabernet Franc were harvested, on October 12th-13th at 23.2° brix.

### WINEMAKING

The clusters were all de-stemmed and moved to a 1.5 ton open top fermenters, where the berries were inoculated with X-Pure and CSM yeasts. Daily délestage and pumpovers kept temperatures in check and provided aeration for tannin development and flavor extraction. At dryness, the young wine was moved to Belair French oak barrels, 25% of which were new, for 24 months of aging. A barrel selection for the final blend included a small amount of a carbonic fermentation lot. The wine was cross-flow filtered and bottled without fining. Vegan.

### TASTING NOTES

A deep garnet color with jewel-like clarity invites a swirl, releasing intense aromas of plum and cherry cola intertwined with floral hints of violet and lilac. A pleasingly tart entry of mulberry and black plum mingle with a savory character reminiscent of Herbs de Provence . Fine grained tannins and lingering blackberry notes, and beautiful structure and balance last through an elegant and persistent finish.

Bronze Medal, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition