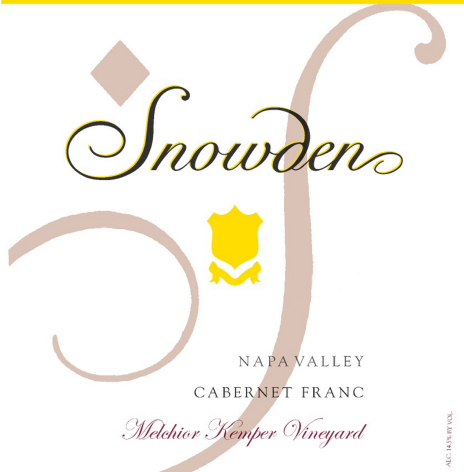


Snowden

CABERNET FRANC MELCHIOR KEMPER VINEYARD - 2021

Snowden
VINEYARDS
NAPA VALLEY

REGION: CALIFORNIA - NAPA VALLEY



SNOWDEN

Since 1955, the Snowdens have farmed their vineyard high above the Napa Valley. In addition to the stunning views of St. Helena, Rutherford and the San Francisco Bay, the estate offers four separate sites producing remarkably complex and individualistic wines. Winemaking duties are in the capable hands of Diana Snowden Seysses. The winery produces Bordeaux blends from their estate vineyards and a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc from a small parcel they call the Lost Vineyard.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

962 vines from a single acre of Cabernet Franc at 800 feet. Vineyard named for the person who owned and farmed the ranch from 1881 to 1895.

- Soils: Rhyolite (volcanic sand)
- Melchior Kemper purchased the ranch from Levi Philander Davis in 1881 for \$2,350 in gold coin

Harvest Notes

- Growing season began with very little water in soils
- Mild, clear Spring led to good flowering
- Very short shoot growth in late Spring – very little canopy management needed
- No heat spikes or drying offshort winds during the season
- Moderate, even temperatures through early Fall
- Drought conditions created light clusters and tiny berries – yields 30 – 60% below average
- Hand harvested September 11, 2021
- Fermented using only indigenous wild yeasts
- Aged 19 months in 50% new French oak barrels
- Bottled May 6, 2023

Winemaker's Notes

Our Cabernet Franc is always a wine which waits for you to come to it. The 2021's bouquet is reserved and shifting — violets, dried tobacco, rose petals and dark cherries do a dance of the seven veils. On the palate, the tannins are fine and subtle. Blood orange, dark cherry and sage balance the sweet and savory for a mouth-watering finish.

Technical Information

- 100% Cabernet Franc
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Grapes organically grown

REVIEWS

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92 Points - Vinous - Antonio Galloni, December, 2023

The 2021 Cabernet Franc is a complex, dynamic wine. Crushed herbs, mocha, spice, blood orange and red cherry fruit are nicely delineated in this vibrant, mid-weight offering from Snowden. Readers will find a Franc that emphasizes energy and saline-infused freshness. Terrific. 2024 – 2033

GENERAL INFO

Country	USA
Region	Napa Valley
Appellation(s)	Napa Valley
Proprietors	Scott and Joann Snowden and Randy and Janet Snowden, managing directors of Snowden Vineyards
Founded	1955
Winemaker	Diana Snowden-Seysse
Annual Production	2,900 9L cases
Farming (Sustainable, organic, biodynamic)	Sustainable (including no chemical herbicides used in vineyards)