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CABERNET FRANC 'Piper Doon'

KNOLLWOOD VINEYARD | NAPA VALLEY | 2023 | CERTIFIED ORGANIC VINEYARD
WINEMAKER : Christopher Crawford Corley WINEGROWER : Julianna Corley

VARIETALS : 100% Cabernet Franc APPELLATION : 100% Napa Valley
VINEYARDS : 100% Knollwood Vineyard SUB-APPELLATIONS : 100% Oak Knoll District

ANALYSIS : 14.2 % Alc, 5.9 g/L TA, 3.76 pH
PRODUCTION : 16 Barrels / 384 Cases

HARVEST : Hand-Picked. October 23, 2023.
CRUSHING : Destemmed and Hand-Sorted Prior Crushing to Small Bins.
FERMENTATION : Bin Fermented, 16 Days Skin Contact Prior to Draining & Pressing.
AGING : Aged 22 Months In 16 French Oak Barrels. 25% New Barrels.

VINTAGE NOTES : In 2023, Napa Valley experienced one of the longest growing seasons in a decade or more. With consistent, mild weather throughout the season, above-average crop yields, and extended hang time, 2023 is an exceptional, high-quality, memorable vintage. Full ripeness of grape skins and seeds provided the building blocks for a tannic backbone which is the source of resilience for a long-lived wine. The 2023 vintage is showing as freshness, purity and elegance overall.

WINEMAKING NOTES : All individual blocks were hand-picked and fermented separately. The fruit was destemmed, and berry-sorted on the crush pad. Fermentation lasted 16 days, with the wine drained and pressed at dryness. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. The wine was aged in oak barrels for 22 months, gently racked and returned every 4 months to promote evolution of the tannin structure and complexity.

TASTING NOTES : I find bright red fruit flavors, spicy and herbal notes, and medium-bodied structure. This wine has wonderful aromas of raspberry, cherry, bell pepper, and tobacco, with a refreshing acidity, moderate tannins, a beautifully balanced midpalate and a long finish.

BOTTLES PER CASE : 12x750
CASES PER PALLET : 56

CASE WEIGHT : 38 lbs
CASE DIMENSIONS : 13¾"L x 10½"W x 12"H