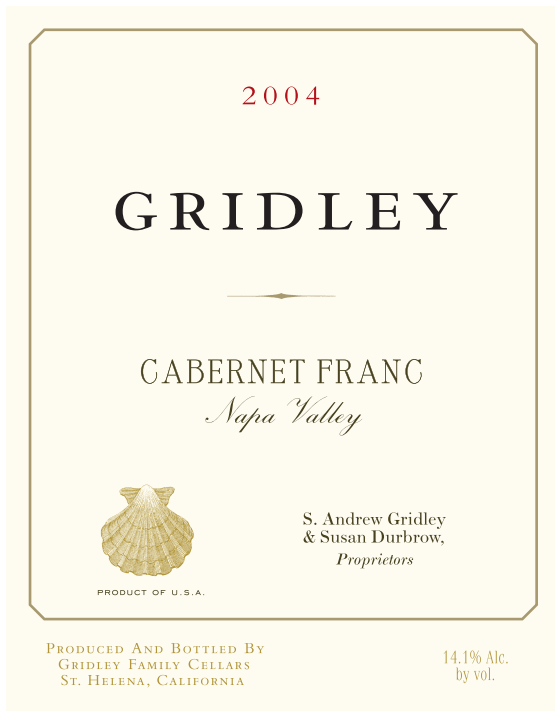


GRIDLEY

2004

CABERNET FRANC

Napa Valley



In the summer of 2004 we leapt into the wine business. Andy worked a deal with a college friend to share some of his Cabernet Franc from what we had heard to be a fabulous vineyard.

Saviez Vineyard's home ranch has been growing wine grapes for over 100 years. This 2.75 acre block of Cabernet Franc was planted in 1984 with Clone 4 grafted onto type 3309 rootstock. It lies on the eastern slopes of Napa Valley one mile north of St. Helena. This western facing vineyard at the base of the Vaca Mountain Range experiences cool summer foggy mornings and then warmer afternoon sun. The north/south facing rows provide a canopy that protects the fruit from direct sun in the late afternoon.

On September 10th, 2004 we received 2.5 tons of fruit from the Saviez Vineyard. To complete the blend, we selected 2.0 tons of fruit from the Lynch Vineyard and received those grapes on September 27th, 2004.

We crushed the grapes a mere five minutes from the vineyard. After a cold soak of three days to extract color and flavors, we fermented to dryness with two different types of yeast. After a light pressing, we aged the wine in 30 percent new French oak barrels for 19 months. Bottling occurred on April 14th 2006.

Our philosophy with Cabernet Franc is to let the varietal perfume characteristics of the grapes come forward and to balance that with a lighter tannin structure. Some may suggest that to be a more feminine style.

At first glance that wine is impressive for its deep ruby color. Perfume notes of raspberries, black currant, dark cherry, a touch of cedar, white pepper and rosemary. Rich and expansive on the palate, the wine drinks smoothly now and should continue to develop in the bottle for the next 5-7 years.

Harvest:	September 10, 2004
Soil:	Alluvial fan, bale loam
Clone:	Cabernet Franc 4
Rootstock:	3309
Brix:	27.6
Alcohol:	14.1
Total Acidity:	0.56 g/100ml
pH:	3.87
Oak:	100 percent French oak, 30 percent new
Blend:	100 percent Cabernet Franc
Total Cases:	582 six-packs