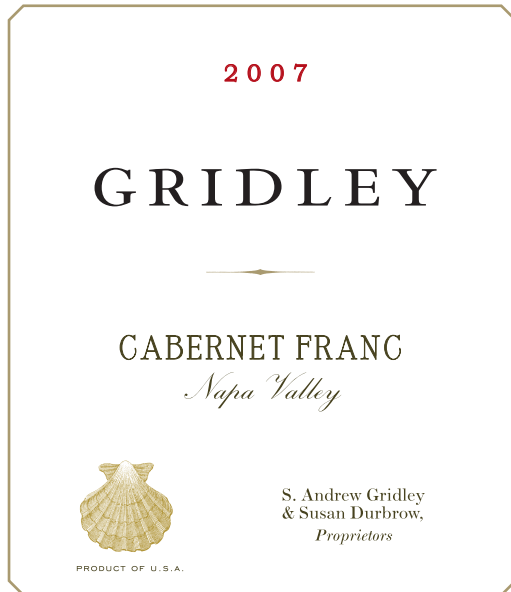


GRIDLEY

2007

CABERNET FRANC

Napa Valley



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GRIDLEY FAMILY CELLARS
ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA

14.1% Alc.
by vol.

Harvest:	September 1, 2007
Soil:	Alluvial fan, bale loam
Clone:	Cabernet Franc 4
Rootstock:	3309
Brix:	29
Alcohol:	14.1
Total Acidity:	0.47g/100ml
pH:	3.66
Oak:	100 percent French oak, 30 percent new
Blend:	100 percent Cabernet Franc
Total Cases:	486 cases

Sometimes a vintage comes along that inspires winemakers. One of those came along in 2007. A dry winter followed by a cool summer naturally resulted in grapes that were smaller. These small berries resulted in concentrated flavors and the wine's rich dark garnet color.

On Saturday September 1st, 2007, that's right, Labor Day Weekend for most folks, we picked grapes. The local weatherman predicted a hot next couple of days...we decided to pick instead of wait. In the end, we're thinking this may be the best decision we've ever made.

Saviez Vineyard's home ranch on the eastern slopes of Napa Valley is four miles north of St. Helena. It lies on the eastern side of the Silverado Trail at Larkmead Lane. 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. This 2.75 acre block of Cabernet Franc was planted in 1984 with Clone 4 grafted onto type 3309 rootstock. The Saviez family has been growing grapes at this location for over 100 years.

The grapes were destemmed and then cold soaked at 63 degrees for five days to extract color and flavors. In order to concentrate flavors we bled off some juice. Our Cabernet Franc fermented for about two weeks and was gently pressed and put into 100 percent French oak barrels for 19 months. Bottling occurred on April 14, 2009.

Again the dark color of the wine in the glass shows its depth. Aromatic notes of blackberries, pomegranate, cocoa and cedar box, with a subtle floral layer of lavender. Juicy flavors of raspberries, jammy boysenberries with fine tannins and a lengthy finish. The wine drinks of a deep fruit core supported by a refined frame of grape and oak tannins.