



## FROG'S LEAP

### 2016 CABERNET FRANC *Chavez Leeds Vineyard* *Rutherford*

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#### THE BLEND

82% Cabernet franc  
17% Merlot  
1% Cabernet sauvignon

#### PRODUCTION

524 cases

#### RELEASE DATE

February 2019

#### STATISTICS

harvested —  
September 24 - 28  
23.7° brix at harvest  
13.8% alcohol  
6.0 g/L total acidity  
3.69 pH  
aged for 19 months in French oak

#### WINEMAKERS

John Williams  
Paula Moschetti  
Rory Williams

#### VINEYARDIST

Frank Leeds

#### A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1989 Frank Leeds and his Uncle Roy Chavez decided to plant a small section of their vineyard on Rutherford's west side to Cabernet franc. We don't know what guided their decision at the time but over the years it has proven to be an inspired choice. The peppery perfume of this Cabernet franc is always an important part of the Frog's Leap Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon so sparing a few barrels for a special lot is a rare occurrence and cause for celebration.

#### ABOUT THE WINE

The Cabernet franc at the Chavez Leeds vineyard is a special block of vines. The vines there are the oldest that we have in our Cabernet Sauvignon program, and we routinely control their yields to be as much as a third lower than in other blocks. The extra attention really pays off in great years like 2016, when Franc's exotic herbal-floral complexity was complemented by lush fruitiness and substantial weight.

Fleshed out further with a touch of Merlot, this Cabernet Franc possesses all of the virtues of the great Franc-based wines of the right bank of Bordeaux. Rich, balanced, and rarely produced by Frog's Leap, we know this wine will age for decades.