

# BEAUCANON ESTATE



Vintage: 2008    **90 Points BTI**

Varietal Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Appellation: Napa Valley

Harvest date: October 25th

Production: 2500 cases

- Hand pick by night in half ton bin for optimum fruit freshness,
- Fermented in open barrel and concrete tank
- Skin contact for 4 to 5 weeks
- Push down 3 times a day during fermentation
- Aged for 14 months in French and American Oak  
30% new, 30% 1 year old, 40% 2 years old

**Winemaker Notes:** The 2008 bottling of our famed Cabernet Franc finds our 18-year-old vineyard blocks coming into their own and providing fruit of unparalleled depth and richness.

The aromas bursting from the glass are dark and intense; blackberry and blueberry fruit, cocoa, smoky tea and toasty oak. With a little time in the decanter or in your glass and more delicate notes of red cherry, lavender and mineral earth emerge to add depth and interest.

On the palate, the fruit takes over, a riot of red and black berries and stone fruit dominating with savory oak and the darker elements of earth and cocoa flavors showing around the edge. Tannins are gripping but smooth and elegant and the trademark acidity of Cab Franc is perfectly integrated into a seamless whole.

Though it should age well up to a decade, this beautifully balanced and precocious wine is what to drink now. Enjoy it with pork and game, long-simmered braises and grilled vegetable dishes. It's also a perfect red wine for cheeses, especially with hard Italian and Spanish types. A Votre Santé!

*Louis de Coninck - Winemaker*

**Terroir:** Located at the corner of Atlas Peak and Oak Knoll on a soil type of alluvium fan which exhibits gravelly deposits with low content of coarse fragment. Our Merlot is planted with a vine density of 2074 per acre which is reflected by low yield of nearly three tons per acre or 40 hl per hectare and a higher concentration of flavor.

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