

## **91 POINTS** *James Suckling, March 2023*

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Tim Atkin, 2023

**VINTAGE 2021** 

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Franc

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION** 3,050 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES 28 years** 

**ALCOHOL 14.5%** 

**CASES IMPORTED 80** 

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## **CABERNET FRANC 2021**

Winemaker Jimena Lopez made this wine to experiment with one of her favorite varietals. Balanced, elegant with a distinctive spice from the Cabernet Franc varietal.

WINERY BACKGROUND: These deeply concentrated wines are named after the color of "graphite" and shows beautiful expression and structure. Winemaker Jimena Lopez left her corporate wine job to pursue her dream of making her own wine, and she now handles all aspects of Graffito from vine selection to the final blend with a precise attention to detail. She believes so deeply in her wine quality that she puts her fingerprint stamp of approval right on the label.

Jimena made her own winemaking dream a reality when she came across an old-vine Malbec vineyard planted in 1908 in Alto Agrelo farmed by Don Pepe and his family. The balance and structure coming from these old vines are the pillars of Graffito. Jimena also sources grapes from family-owned vineyards in Los Arboles and Vistaflores in the Uco Valley to round out her wines with the perfect blend of fruit flavors, floral notes, and spices.

**VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:** Graffito Cabernet Franc is hand-harvested in Perdriel (Lujan de Cuyo) from vineyards planted in soil of clay and loam. The wine is aged for 15 months in second and third use French barrels.

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Delicate and elegant wine with floral aromas and notes of raspberry, cherry and sweet pepper. This is a very food friendly wine and pairs perfectly with roasted chicken, lamb gyros or soft cheeses.

