2024 Dakota Shy Oakville Ranch Cabernet Franc

Release Date: Spring 2026

Appellation:	Oakville
Blend:	96.5% Cabernet Franc, 3.5% Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrel Aging:	18 months, 70% New French Oak
Clones:	Cabernet Franc Clones 332 & Saunders (Detert), Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169 & 341 Caldwell
Rootstocks:	Cabernet Franc on 1103P and 420A, Cabernet Sauvignon on 110R
Soils:	Red iron-rich clay loam and volcanic rock
Vineyard Manager:	Phil Coturri
Winemaker:	Tom Garrett
Prouduction:	500 cases, 20 barrels

Winemaker's Comments:

Wonderfully aromatic, with layered notes of violets, plum, black currant, cherry blossom, and mineral. The palate is lush and textured yet vibrant, showing dark berry, red fruit, chocolate, and bright herbal tones framed by silky, structured tannins. Broad and powerful but lifted with floral energy, this Cabernet Franc offers remarkable persistence and balance—a sumptuous, expressive wine that will reward both early enjoyment and time in the cellar.

The spectacular Oakville Ranch Vineyard is located in the eastern hills of Oakville and ranges from an elevation of 600 to 1,000 feet. Views from here span the entire Napa Valley and south to San Francisco. Just below the Pritchard Hill AVA and just above Dalla Valle, Peter Michael's Au Pardis vineyard and Turnbull's Fortuna – this is a sweet-spot in the valley for some of Napa's most heralded wines.

Vineyard manager Phil Coturri does a remarkable job with the vines in these rocky, red volcanic clay loam soils – nurturing the development of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc with incredible power and richness as well as distinctive energy and brightness.

Dakota Shy sources from three blocks of Cabernet Franc and three blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon with a range of clones and rootstocks. The Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon lots are fermented separately and portions are carefully blended with some going to the Oakville Ranch single vineyard Cabernet Franc and the balance going into our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon blend.