

The "2021" release of Cabernet Franc is a non-vintage comprised of the 2018, 2019, and 2021 vintages and is a blend of 75% Cabernet Franc and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. It was small-batch fermented, then aged in 33% new French oak barrels. Only 196 cases were produced.

Dry cinnamon, subtle nutmeg, and cocoa waft up on the nose, followed by ripe strawberry seed. The wine has a rounded, plush, dark fruit flavor, textured by soft tannins and a long rich lingering finish. Pair with a rack of lamb or a roast to complement its rich finish and tannins.

AVA	Spring Mountain District, Napa Valley	Vintage	NV
Blend	75% CF/ 25% CS	Alcohol	14.8%
Cooperage	33% new French oak (Nadalié)	Production	196 cases
Bottled	May 2023	Initial Retail	\$79
Released	Aug 2024	Current Retail	\$79

In 2003, Paloma Vineyard's 2001 Merlot was chosen by the Wine Spectator as the Wine of the Year out of over 15,000 wines from around the world. Since 2003, Paloma Merlot has been in the Wine Spectator TOP 100 two more times–in 2004 for the 2002 vintage (54th) and in 2009 for the 2006 vintage (65th)–as well as received the Wine Spectator Special Selection in 2012 for the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. Paloma Vineyard uses only estate fruit that is picked, fermented, and barreled in small lots.