

# I BRAND & FAMILY CABERNET FRANC, BAYLY RANCH, PAICINES, SAN BENITO COUNTY



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Tres Pinot Creek, (along San Andreas Fault Line), at only 800-foot elevation. 5% south facing sloped bench, rocky alluvial deposits representing a melange of geologic formations around a fault zone. The area receives some amount of marine layer, off the Monterey Bay, via the Pajaro River gap. Days are mostly warm with peak temperatures in the 90s, with cold nights descending into the low 50s during the Summer and lower in the Fall. A great locale for Cabernet Franc to exhibit Loire-like structure overlaid with the bright fruit befitting California sunshine. Picked at moderate sugars and vinified whole berry (10% whole cluster) with spontaneous yeasts and a 20-day maceration in open top fermenters. Aged 11 months on lees in neutral barrels and puncheons. Naturally bright and low alcohol.

Ian Brand puts a lot of miles on his car exploring & discovering great vineyards at the edge of sensible farming in Central California. He finds the remote, challenging vineyards, that are capable of producing only the most idiosyncratic wines, with hard depleted soils & intense sunlight tempered only by the coastal breeze. His goal is to lightly polish the roughest edges & leave the idiosyncrasy intact. It is there in the back country of Monterey & San Benito county that Ian's wines come to life. The I. Brand & Family wines are small lot, single-vineyard selections that Ian wishes to showcase. "We are not in "wine country" nor do we have trophy wineries. This is farm land, desolate hills & solitude. What we do is simple, without artifice & we enjoy it."

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