

## 2016 Cabernet Franc, Sonoma Valley

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### Vineyard Location:

East edge of Sonoma Valley, a stone's throw from Scribe Winery. Farmed for us in the Sonoma Valley AVA, on 4 acres planted in 2005, on a beautiful, secluded hillside. The vines have a southwestern exposure on a considerable slope and consisting of rocky soils. Rhyolitic ash and alluvial wash soil mean the vines must struggle to reach root depth, producing deeply colored, extracted but balanced wines.

### Vintage:

2016 was an almost perfect growing and harvest season. It began with a warm spring and much needed rain. With our 2016 Cabernet Franc we seem to be developing a classic "Smith Story Style", a style that we have fallen in love with.

### Tasting Notes:

Once again, our Cabernet Franc is heavily inspired by our deep love of this grape, especially grown in regions of the Loire Valley. A "fan favorite", a delicate red wine full of elegance and finesse. The wine exudes traditional spicy aromatic characteristics of Cabernet Franc that is full of complex fruit flavors with soft tannins and freshness which begin with the aroma and then linger on the finish. The 2016 Cabernet Franc demonstrates a bit more intensity than the 2015 that we really enjoy (geek out about!).

We picked at 25 brix and hand-harvested in the cool morning hours of October 5, 2016. The fruit was destemmed and delivered to a stainless steel tank for a long cool fermentation. During fermentation the Cabernet Franc received gentle punch downs and slow pump-overs until it was pressed off. The wine aged for 22 months in used Bordeaux barrels.



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### Technical Info:

**Harvest date:** 10/5/2016 **Bottling Date:** 8/10/18

14% alc, 3.44pH, 6.6TA

**Cases made:** 200 \$40-48 SRP.