



2015 Cabernet Franc
Sonoma Valley

Our first Cabernet Franc release! Inspired by our deep love of this grape, especially in regions such as Bourgueil, Chinon and Saumur of the Loire Valley. 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 aromas and then linger on the finish.

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, the vines must struggle to reach root depth, producing deeply colored, extracted but balanced wines.

Winemaker Notes: Picked at 26.1 Brix and hand-harvested in the cool morning hours. The fruit was destemmed and delivered to a stainless steel tank for a long cool fermentation. During fermentation the Cab Franc received gentle punch downs and slow pump-overs until it was pressed off.

Vineyard location: Sonoma Valley

Harvest Date: September 29, 2015

Aging: 20 months in aged Bordeaux barrels

Details: TA 5.9; pH 3.42; 14.5% alcohol

Production: 200 cases

SRP: \$40

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