

VANESSA

VINEYARD

CABERNET FRANC 2015



Cabernet Franc 100%

Cabernet Franc (Clone 331) Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France

Alcohol	14.1%
Residual Sugar	4.80 g/L
Total Acidity	6.80 g/L
pH	3.60
Brix	28
Cases Produced	220
Released	2018
SKU	144681

Carved from stone, fuelled by sun, a vineyard like no other

Growing Conditions

The 2015 growing season started early. Record heat units were being recorded from June to September. Average Growing Degree Days in Osoyoos were 1,764, but at Vanessa they were significantly higher at 2,049. This resulted in our red grapes being riper with a fuller fruit expression and softer more rounded tannins. In the last ten years, 2015 was the hottest year ever for Similkameen's Vanessa Vineyard.

Terroir and Microclimate

Located high on a hillside overlooking the Similkameen Valley, Vanessa Vineyard's grapes are cultivated on 75 acres of sloping, well-drained, rocky terrain. The vines grow in rows of rocks, absorbing the day heat and imparting that warmth during the cooler nights. Planted in a west to southwest exposure, the rocky vineyard basks in the afternoon sun. Ideally situated, the vineyard benefits from a long growing season, with low yields of intensely ripe fruit. The unique stony site produces fruit with complex flavours and minerality that are truly distinctive.

Winemaking

Crafted from only 100% estate grown and hand-picked fruit. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small-batch fermentation and hand punch down to maximize flavour and extraction. This cuvée is almost entirely comprised of free run juice with only a small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. Fermented and barrel aged for 20 months in French oak, of which 30% were new barrels. Beautiful integration of the soil minerality gives the wine exceptional character and quality.

Flavour Profile

A luxurious Cabernet Franc with fragrant aromas of ground coffee bean, sage and sweet cherry. It is bursting with ripe blueberries and cocoa along with a lining of Tahitian vanilla, figs and Medjool dates. Powerful backbone and structure give way to a lingering finish. Enjoy with rosemary braised lamb or well-herbed grilled meats.



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