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

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2017 Cabernet Franc



Cabernet Franc 100%
Cabernet Franc Clone 331
Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France

Alcohol 14.4%
Residual Sugar 0.3 g/L
Total Acidity 6.7 g/L
pH 3.6
Brix 31
Cases Produced 158
Released 2022
SKU 144681

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Flavour Profile

Our Signature Cabernet Franc shows deep, engaging aromas of black plum and ripe red fruits, medium bodied, lengthy flavours of black raspberry, dried sage, mineral, hints of black olive, and savoury notes. Mouthwatering finish of moderate fresh acidity.

Growing Conditions

The 2017 growing season in the Similkameen Valley was far from normal, but the end result was well worth waiting for. Spring came late and cool, slowing fruit development but the ensuing summer warmth compensated for it. A near record drought in late July and August reduced crop size and resulted in improved grape quality. Fall ripening went well and on schedule. For the 2017 growing season, the total heat to the vines at Vanessa was 1,757 Growing Degree Days which was above any of the vineyards measured in the neighbouring Okanagan. This produced rich, ripe, generous red wines. Ripening continued at a medium speed allowing the fruit flavours to fully develop.

Winemaking

Estate grown from a single clone our Cab Franc vines are sited on steeply sloping, shallow soil facing directly south on blocks "I" and "J". After picking, the fruit is immediately destemmed and gently crushed to be fermented in small lots. Aged for 20 months in mostly French oak. This wine has been bottle aged for 34 months before release. Only 7 barrels were selected for this special small lot. This Cabernet Franc is a benchmark expression of the Similkameen terroir.