

2018 Cabernet Franc



Cabernet Franc 97% / Merlot 3%
Cabernet Franc Clone 331
Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France
Merlot Clone 181 Bordeaux, France

Alcohol 16.0%
Residual Sugar 0.4 g/L
Total Acidity 6.0 g/L
pH 3.72
Brix 25

Cases Produced 155
Released 2021
SKU 144681

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Flavour Profile

Our Cabernet Franc exhibits an intense nose that offers aromas of plum, currant, cherry, and mesquite. The palate shows hints of licorice, ripe raspberry, smoke, and dried herbs, leading into crisp lingering tannins.

Growing Conditions

A long, moderate growing season started on schedule, yet with warmer than average spring temperatures. Cooler summer temperatures led into particularly warm autumn days with cool evenings. The results: an early bud break, increased crop sizes and slow ripening that allowed the fruit to fully mature with exciting flavour development for the reds in this vintage. Harvest began right on time, with our harvest for reds finishing in early November. Total heat units for 2018 at Vanessa were recorded at 1730.5 Growing Degree Days, similar to the previous year. The prolonged and mild 2018 growing season gives this vintage unique character and exceptional quality.

Winemaking

Crafted from only a 100% estate grown and hand-picked fruit our Cabernet Franc captures the elegant essence of the Similkameen. 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 composed of free-run juice with only a small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. Fermented in small batches and aged for 20 months in French and American oak, this Cabernet Franc is a benchmark expression of the Similkameen terroir. Only 6 barrels produced.