



## COMPONENT COLLECTION

2015 CABERNET FRANC

RED MOUNTAIN

A partnership between Marchesi Antinori of Tuscany and Chateau Ste. Michelle of Washington, Col Solare's mission is to unite the unique winemaking cultures of these two esteemed regions to produce world-class wines from the best fruit in Red Mountain.

The Component Collection is produced in limited quantities in select vintages using single varieties that display interesting character and exceptional quality.

**VINTAGE** The 2015 vintage was one of the warmest growing seasons on record in Washington state. Warm temperatures continued through the spring and summer, moderating slightly into fall and extending an early harvest. Overall, 2015 saw optimal ripening across varieties and yielded outstanding wines throughout the region.

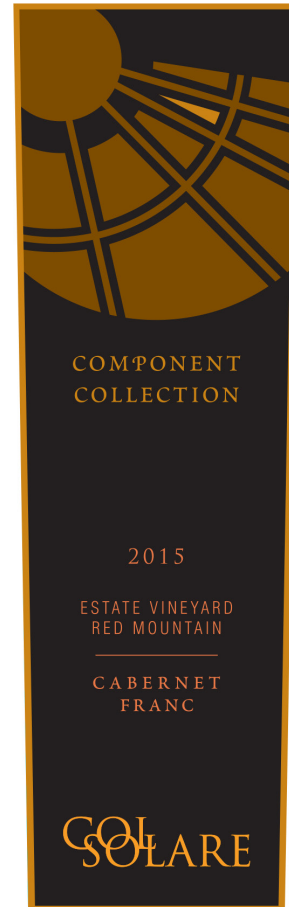
**VINEYARDS** 100% Col Solare Estate Vineyard

**APPELLATION** Red Mountain

**WINEMAKING** Harvest began for Cabernet Franc at the end of October, with grapes full of dark fruit flavor and silky tannins. After sorting, grapes were gently crushed, with lots fermented separately on the skins for an average of 15 days. Both small bin and tank fermentation was used with primarily rack and return style maceration techniques to extract the best flavors without harsh tannins. The wine was removed from the skins and placed into new French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation and aging. Racking occurred every three months for the first year of the 22-month aging period, every four months afterwards. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**TASTING NOTES** Dark in color, this Cabernet Franc has fragrant aromas of spices, dried fruits, and black currants, with a rich mouthfeel and long powerful finish.

– Darel Allwine, Winemaker



**THE BLEND** 98% CABERNET FRANC, 2% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### TECHNICAL DATA

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.54 G/100 ML

PH: 3.95

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

CASE PRODUCTION: 174 CASES

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