



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2023 Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2023 season started with a cool spring, followed by ideal conditions during the summer with warm days and cool nights perfect for grape maturity and flavor development.
- Lower yields, uniform canopies, and even ripening contributed to exceptional quality.
- Harvest began earlier than usual with grapes showing excellent ripe flavor profiles, natural acidity, and nice tannins.

VINEYARD NOTES

- This limited production wine showcases Cabernet Franc, which performs well in the Walla Walla appellation.
- 100% single vineyard Cabernet Franc from Minnick Hills.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Grapes were destemmed, crushed leaving 40% whole berries, and the fruit was inoculated with yeast to begin the fermentation.
- The must was punched down daily during fermentation, and was then racked into barrels to undergo malolactic fermentation.
- Racking occurred every three months for clarity during the 16-month aging process. 100% French Oak with 26% new barrels.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRINGS

- Beef Bordeaux, Grilled Portobello Mushrooms

TASTING NOTES

This lush and elegant wine offers aromas of tapenade, red velvet chocolate cake, and vanilla icing leading into flavors of cherry, black raspberry, and plum. - David "Merf" Merfeld, Winemaker

TA: 0.52 g/100 mL

PH: 3.79

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

BLEND: 100% Cabernet Franc

CASE PRODUCTION:

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