

# Cabernet Franc

2021 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



59% Dineen and Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Franc  
19% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Franc  
11% Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon  
11% Wallula Vineyard Merlot

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

pH: 3.73

Residual Sugar: <0.01 g/liter

Titrateable Acidity: 5.2 g/liter

Volatile Acidity: 0.64 g/liter

Alcohol: 13.6%

300 Cases produced



## Harvest and Winemaking

2021 was one of the warmest growing seasons ever. Accumulated heat units were at a near all-time high. The fall was typical for the Northwest; bright sunshine, warm days and cool nights, with a few rain showers. In all, 2021 is a fabulous vintage.

The 2021 Columbia Valley Cabernet Franc is a blend of 78% Cabernet Franc, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 11% Merlot. The Cabernet Franc is from Dineen and Wallula Vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot is from Wallula Vineyard. All the grapes were hand-harvested, hand-sorted and fermented by yeasts specific for each of the grapes. The wine was aged in 100% used French Oak barrels for 10 months prior to bottling unfiltered and unfiltered. Enjoy through 2028.

## Tasting Notes

The hue of this Cabernet Franc is dark red in color that twinkles in the light. It has aromas of strawberries, white flowers, dusty minerals, and forest floor. The Cabernet Franc has flavors of red plums, strawberries,

olive tapenade, and white pepper. It has lovely tannins and minerality.

## Thoughts on Cabernet Franc

Cabernet Franc is one of the great wines of the world. Cabernet Franc's ancestral home is Bordeaux and the Loire Valley of France. It also excels in Washington State.

Our goal is to make Cabernet Franc taste like Cabernet Franc and not smother its inherent character. Vineyard site is critical for Cabernet Franc. Too hot of a vineyard and the Franc has low acidity. Too cool and the resulting wine is excessively herbal.

Both Dineen and Wallula Vineyard are warm vineyards in cooler locations. We added Merlot for mid-palate mouthfeel and Cabernet Sauvignon for length and intensity.

## Ingredients & Additions

*Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes, yeast, organic and inorganic yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, French Oak and 35 ppm of Free SO<sub>2</sub> at time of bottling to prevent oxidation.*



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