

# Cabernet Franc

2019 | COLUMBIA VALLEY



58% Dineen Vineyard clone 214  
21% Wallula Vineyard clone 327  
21% Olsen Ranch Vineyard

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol: 13.9%

Titrateable Acidity: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.65

Residual Sugar: <0.01 g/L

Cases Produced: 512



## Harvest and Winemaking

2019 was an interesting vintage. The summer was perfect with moderate heat, no temperature spikes and fortunately was cooler than normal. There were a few rain periods that slowed ripening in September. In mid-October WA had three nights of freezing temperatures which defoliated the vines and stopped photosynthesis and grape ripening.

Three vineyards and three clones comprise this Cabernet Franc. We planted clone 327 Cabernet Franc on a beautiful bench at Wallula Vineyard in 2014. Olsen Ranch was planted in 1991 and is located on the Eastern end of the Yakima Valley. On the Western end of the Yakima Valley resides Dineen Vineyard planted in 2004.

Dineen Cabernet Franc was harvested on September 25th, Olsen Ranch on October 7th and Wallula Vineyard Cabernet Franc was harvested on October 17th. The wine was aged in 100% French Oak barrels (88% used and 12% new) for 17 months prior to bottling.

## Tasting

The hue of this Cabernet Franc is dark red in color that twinkles in the light. It has aromas of plums and Rainier cherries with an deep

earthy, moist soil character. Acidity is moderate and the tannins are smooth as silk. There are hints of traditional Cabernet Franc herbaceousness but they are delicious and define Cabernet Franc. This is such a pretty wine.

## Thoughts on Cabernet Franc

Cabernet Franc's ancestral home is Bordeaux and the Loire Valley of France. It also excels in Washington State. Our sunny warm days help the grapes reach potential ripeness and the cool nights help the grapes retain acidity. Our vineyards produce Cabernet Franc with balance and elegance and most importantly still tastes like Cabernet Franc. Our hope is that other high profile wineries begin to produce excellent Cabernet Franc so more consumers will discover this wonderful wine.

Cabernet Franc is used primarily as a blending wine in Washington. Isenhower Cellars has crafted 100% Cabernet Franc red wines since 2002.

## Ingredients & Additions

*Cabernet Franc grapes, yeast, organic and inorganic yeast nutrients, tartaric acid, oak, and 35 ppm of SO<sub>2</sub> to prevent oxidation.*

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