

BIANCHI

2021 RESERVE CABERNET FRANC



Once primarily known as a blending grape, Cabernet Franc has emerged in California as a celebrated varietal in its own right. Grown in regions from Napa Valley to Paso Robles, California Cabernet Franc displays unique and expressive qualities shaped by the state's diverse climates and soils. Known for its medium body, refined tannins, and vibrant acidity, Cabernet Franc often showcases bright red fruit notes of raspberry and cherry, intertwined with herbaceous nuances and subtle floral hints. Whether in cooler coastal vineyards or sun-soaked inland valleys, this varietal's adaptability allows winemakers to craft wines that balance approachability with complexity, making it a compelling choice for those who appreciate both finesse and character in their wines. This wine was aged in French oak barrels for 22 months (30% new, 70% used). Lead Winemaker, Todd Weiher, used hot fermentation methods with extended post-fermentation maceration, which enhances structure, color, and aging potential of the wine.

VINEYARD

The growing season of 2021 was mild with very little rainfall, leading to a harvest consisting of small clustered berries with concentrated flavor, good structure and balanced acidity. These conditions are especially favorable to varietals with a thick outer skin, like Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petite Sirah. Metz Vineyard, located in the Estrella District of Paso Robles, is a professionally run vineyard with meticulous farmers monitoring the grapes throughout the year. This area is known for its hot weather and low hills, making it a perfect fit for growing Bordeaux varietals.

TASTING & PAIRING

Appearance: Medium bodied with a ruby hue and defined rim variation.

Aroma: Distinctive herbaceous & bell pepper aroma with earthy notes and some dried fruit.

Flavor: Dry red, medium bodied, with flavors of red plum, roasted pepper and crushed gravel.

Our 2021 Reserve Cabernet Franc greets us with a distinctive herbaceous aroma and a fragrant bouquet of green bell pepper and earthy undertones, capturing the varietal's classic aromatics. On the palate, this wine is dry and well-structured, offering layers of ripe red plum and roasted pepper that lend both juiciness and savory depth of flavor. Subtle mineral notes of crushed gravel add a textured complexity to the finish, balancing the vibrant fruit with earthy finesse. Pair this delightful wine with a roasted lamb, a margherita flatbread, or a hearty mushroom risotto.



Varietal: 100% Cabernet Franc
Aging: French Oak, 30% new | 22 months
Clone: unknown
Vineyard: Metz Vineyard
Appellation: Paso Robles | Estrella District
R/S: 0.18
Acidity: 3.8pH
ABV: 14.5%
Production: 214 cases
Harvest Date: 10/07/21
Bottling Date: 08/17/23

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