



29 ESTATE 2012 CABERNET FRANC

Harvest Date

October 19, 2012

Barrel Age

19 months in French Oak, 70% new tight grain, thin stave 22mm barrels

Cooperage

Artisan, Demptos, Taransaud

Bottling Date

June 2, 2014

Alcohol

14.6%

Release Date

Spring 2015

Our small cabernet franc vineyard is the most easily viewed block from the terrace of the winery, on a northwest-facing slope along the southern edge of the 29 North Estate. We planted our cabernet franc vines in 2000 and have enjoyed watching and tasting their amazing development year over year.

The nearly textbook conditions of 2012 presented very few challenges starting this almost ideal growing season with a mild spring, healthy bud break, steady flowering and even fruit set. Summer ushered in warm days and cool, frequently foggy, nights; fall had beautiful warm temperatures, with very few heat spikes. The bountiful fruit enjoyed long, slow ripening resulting in highly developed and expressive flavors. Light rainfall arrived after we had harvested optimally ripe fruit. The 2012 vintage is marked by wines of exceptional balance, captivating aromatics and are succulent on the palate. Immensely enjoyable in their youth, these wines are cellar-worthy and will gratify for the long term.

Our 2012 Cabernet Franc is loaded with rich and seductive aromas of cedar, clove, allspice and ripe blackberries. On the palate, creamy vanilla and seductive hints of oak are supported by velvety tannins and a pleasing lift of bright acidity. The balanced, welcoming structure of this wine allows it to be paired with even the most delicate dishes. We love roasted sea scallops or duck with dried cherries. Our Franc is beautifully expressive and approachable with a long and balanced finish to be enjoyed now and for the next 6 to 8 years.

Cases Produced: 296

Retail Price: \$140 ~ 750ml