



2013 29 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC



Harvest Date: September 25, 2013

Barrel Age: 19 months, 80% new French Oak

Cooperage: St. Martin, Taransaud, Artisan, Ermitage

Bottling Date: June 5, 2015

Alcohol: 14.7%

Release Date: Fall 2016

Cases Produced: 269

Retail Price: \$140 ~ 750ml

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 2013 vintage will be remembered as one of the driest in recent history opening the year with a warm, dry spring. Bud break was early and canopy growth was vigorous – ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. The growing season was consistent throughout with wonderfully healthy vine activity resulting in ideal cluster growth. Picture perfect weather continued into September and October allowing delicious flavor development while maintaining crisp acid profiles. The wines of 2013 are lusciously flavorful, beautifully balanced and will be hallmarks of your table and cellar for years to come.

Our 2013 Vineyard 29 Estate Franc opens with beautiful aromatics of bright spring flowers, blue and black fruits, and fresh tobacco leaf. These aromas are mirrored on the palate and further deepen to include wet slate, graphite and dried cherry. One must remember that it is cabernet franc that is often used as a blending varietal to add brightness to cabernet. Classic brightness balanced with firm tannins and intensity – our cabernet franc exudes lively freshness and delicate floral notes. This unforgettable wine will continue its ethereal dance upon the palate long after the last sip finished. Enjoy now and for the next six to eight years.