



2016

# CABERNET FRANC



Crafted from the best blocks of Cabernet Franc in the Walla Walla Valley, this wine is a beautiful marriage of two unique vineyards. The higher elevation site of Les Collines delivered dark, structured fruit, where our Double River Estate Vineyard brought bright, vivid and elegant nuances to this Walla Walla cuvée. Hand-harvested fruit from Double River was crushed, destemmed and fermented on the skins in small 1.5 ton fermenters for an extended amount of time to enhance color and complexity. Les Collines fruit was destemmed and lightly crushed, and whole berries fermented on the skins to ensure proper tannin management during the extraction period. These wines aged in the best suitable French and American oak barrels for 20 months. Only the most elegant and expressive barrels were chosen for the final blend.

The initial aromas of warm oak and butterscotch will elegantly transform to fruitful hints of dark plum, red brambly fruit and rhubarb. Striking notes of black currant, licorice and cedar will be more noticeable with time. Dried thyme and oregano bring a beautiful herbal dimension to the bouquet, with slight nuances of cured meats and spices in the background. Soft, velvety layers of red fruits will take stage in the mid-palate, with ample tannin and fair acidity creating the equilibrium in the mouthfeel. The lingering finish is supported by the alcohol content, delivering structure and complexity in this Cabernet Franc, considering that it normally represents a medium bodied wine throughout the world.

The balance in this wine makes it very versatile and suitable with food pairings. Pork belly tacos, quiche, lamb burgers or meatballs will be a favorite alongside this exclusive offering.

## TECHNICAL DATA

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**VARIETIES:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**APPELLATION:** Walla Walla Valley

**VINEYARDS:** Double River Vineyard, Les Collines Vineyard

**ALC:** 14.4%

**PRODUCTION:** 287 cases