



CABERNET FRANC RESERVE

LILLOOET BC VQA

2021

SKU: 137604

VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

55% Dry Creek Vineyard (6 barrels) & 45% Red Rock Vineyard (5 barrels)

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered bench land along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

In June 2021, we recorded the highest temperature (48c) ever. After the heat wave, the weather cooled down with more than average rain throughout the growing season. Our reds enjoyed nice long hanging time, which helped produce rich and bold flavours. Harvest yields were above average. Our more recently planted Red Rock vineyard helped grow our grape production and move us closer to our goal to become 100% Lillooet VQA.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 100% Cabernet Franc

The grapes were hand-harvested and hand-sorted before they were destemmed and crushed. A 2-day cold soak allowed for optimal fruit extraction before starting fermentation. For colour and flavour extraction, punch downs and pumpovers were done every 4 hours with fermentation temperatures increasing to 28 degrees for peak extraction. After fermentation, an 8-day post maceration was done on the skins for further colour and fine tannin extraction. The wine aged for 15 months in French oak barrels of which 55% new and 45% were second fill.

TASTING NOTES

With rich notes of dark fruit like cassis and blueberries, graphite and dark chocolate, this Cabernet Franc Reserve is well rounded. This full-bodied and well-balanced wine has a beautiful and lengthy finish. This wine is ready now and will peak from 2024 through 2026. With proper cellaring, you can age this wine until 2029. Enjoy this versatile wine on its own by the fireplace, or pair with a juicy grilled steak or eggplant parmesan.

TECH SPECS

Alc.: 14.1%
pH: 3.71
TA: 6.9 g/l
RS: 3.4 g/L
Vegan: Yes
Production: 266 cases

AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, select restaurants, retail stores and grocery stores in BC
UPC: 626990106265
Winery retail price: \$44.99 ex tax

ACCOLADES

2020 vintage:
Platinum medal – BC Lieutenant Governor's Wine Awards 2023
Silver – Decanter World Wine Awards 2023
Silver – National Wine Awards of Canada 2023



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