



# 2019 CABERNET FRANC



This spicy and herbaceous varietal is a staple in Bordeaux and Loire Valley since before the 17th century. Its ability to thrive in red clay soils here in Virginia (and the right bank of Bordeaux) make it the flagship red wine in Virginia.

## Blend/ Varietal Notes

100% Cabernet Franc. Used primarily as a blending grape in Bordeaux and elsewhere in the world to give some spice to Cabernet Sauvignon. In Virginia, we bottle it as a single varietal, as it grows so well in our climate. 490 cases made.

## Winemaking

Cabernet Franc is usually the first red varietal that comes in from the vineyard. It is pressed and inoculated with yeast the day it comes in. The juice then sits on skins for 14 days before it eventually goes to barrel.

## Tasting Notes

When young, Cab Franc has earthy and vegetal flavors. As it ages, those turn to pepper and deep cherry.

## Accolades

2019 Cabernet Franc won a Gold Medal at the 2023 San Francisco International Wine competition, and a Gold at the Atlantic Seaboard wine show.

## The 2019 Vintage

Weather-wise, 2019 was one of the best Virginia vintages in the last 20 years. While some late rain came to us in October, Cabernet Franc ripened early, because of the superlative growing season and ultra hot August.

