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2016 Cabernet Franc

Vintage

2016 proved to be another action packed year for grape growing in Virginia. Hurricane season hit at the very end of September and set off a mad rush to bring in the reds. Fortunately, working with growers outside the Monticello AVA allows us to hedge our bets when it comes to weather. The Shenandoah Valley region is often drier during harvest and in 2016 it made all the difference!

Vineyard

Located at the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley, Benevino Vineyards is our primary Cabernet Franc grower. Limestone chert soil helps curb vine vigor, a special concern in Cabernet Franc. Low than average nighttime temperatures around harvest allow for slow ripening and balanced acidity in the fruit.

Winemaker's Notes

Dark cherry and vanilla aromatics lead into a palate complimented by flavors of white pepper and cocoa. Silky smooth tannins round out a robust, leathery finish. Whole berry fermented and aged in French oak.

Harvest Date: October 11, 2016

Technical Notes

Varietal Content: 96% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

AVA: Virginia

Aged 9 months in 20% new French oak

End pH: 3.8

Alcohol: 13%

Bottled: July 20, 2017

Case Production: 300

Release Date: April 15, 2018

Bottle Price: \$24.99



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