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2015 Cabernet Franc

Vintage

Dry weather and cool nights in July and August of 2015 gave us near perfect ripening conditions, which lasted through mid September. A heavy band of storms hit towards the end of the month, making late season reds a bit tricky - good canopy and fruit management was key.

Vineyard

Located at the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley, Benevino Vineyards is our primary Cabernet Franc grower. The limestone chert soil helps curb vine vigor, a special concern in Cabernet Franc. Low 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 Dates: September 24 - October 10, 2015

Technical Notes

Varietal Content: 80% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Merlot
AVA: Virginia
Aged 8 months in 20% new French oak
End pH: 3.85
Alcohol: 13.6%

Bottled: June 22, 2016
Case Production: 350
Release Date: April 1, 2017
Bottle Price: \$24.99



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