

# PRIDE MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

## 2018 CABERNET FRANC

The 2018 Cabernet Franc is a gorgeous expression of this grape that can be challenging in some settings but just excels on our mountaintop. The 2018 is intensely aromatic with ripe red raspberry and currant comingling with blackberry and black mission fig. Graphite, cedar, and bay leaf blend with hibiscus flowers, bergamot citrus, and exotic spices like star anise and Szechuan pepper. The palate has no hard edges, being rich and caressingly smooth, with a persistent finish that allows the vibrant fruit and spice nuances to linger like a slow-moving sunset. 2018 is a really beautiful Cabernet Franc!

With its expressive fruit, savory intrigue and seamless texture, the 2018 Cabernet Franc balances the elegance and exoticism so characteristic of the 2018 vintage. An essentially perfect growing season culminated in separate picks of our four cabernet franc blocks over a leisurely three-week period between October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. Wines were aged individually in French oak barrels, 40% new, for just under a year before the blend was assembled and returned to barrel to marry for another seven months.



### PROFILE

Appellation:	55% Napa County 45% Sonoma County
Vintage:	2018
Harvest:	October 2018
Fermentation:	Stainless Steel
Cooperage:	French Oak
Blend:	86% Cabernet Franc 14% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol:	14.2%
Bottling:	April 2020
Production:	2132 cases
Release Date:	July 2020
Retail Price:	\$75.00

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