



HILL FAMILY
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2018 Cabernet Franc

Production: 150 cases

Composition: 92% Cabernet Franc, 3% Syrah, 2% Merlot, 2% Malbec and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: Beau Terroir

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: Rolling Hills

Cooperage: 30% new Remond, and the remainder in 2-year-old Treuil Terroir (all French oak)

Alcohol: 14.8%, TA:5.9 g/L, pH: 3.77

Bottling date: June 10, 2020

Release date: December 2020

Release price: \$70.00

Doug Hill wanted to produce a Cabernet Franc for a long time. He replanted a few rows in the Beau Terroir Vineyard in Carneros to Cabernet Franc a few years ago, and though we have put a little into our Origin blend, 2018 is our first varietal effort. Cabernet Franc is a difficult grape to grow well, and changes from year to year more than other varieties. This one has charm and balance, with a fresh quality that shows its varietal distinction. We thought our members would enjoy learning about this varietal right along with us.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2018 Cabernet Franc has aromas of raspberry and violets with a hint of thyme and sage. The palate is balanced and charming loaded with flavors of plum and mocha. The lively acidity makes this a unique and intriguing wine that drinks more like an Italian or French wine.