



HILL FAMILY
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2019 Cabernet Franc

Production: 196 cases

Composition: 96% Cabernet Franc, 1.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot, 1% Petite Syrah and .5% Merlot

Vineyard: Beau Terroir

Appellation: Carneros

Elevation: Rolling Hills

Cooperage: 25% new Treuil Tradition (remainder neutral French oak)

Alcohol: 15.1%, TA:5.6 g/L, pH: 3.87

Bottling date: July 22, 2021

Release date: December 2021

Release price: \$70.00

Cabernet Franc is a difficult grape to grow well, and changes from year to year more than most other grape varieties. The 2019 harvest occurred on October 21 at 25.5 Brix, 62 days after veraison. After a few days of cold soak, it developed nice color with a slight herbal aroma. We fermented it with D254 yeast and pressed it at dryness after 2 weeks. This Cabernet Franc has charm and balance, with a fresh quality that shows its varietal distinction.

Winemaker Alison Doran's tasting notes:

The 2019 Cabernet Franc has aromas of violets and red cherries. The palate is balanced with gentle spicy notes, red cherry and pomegranate flavors. A few tannins are still settling into place but this is quite drinkable for such a young wine.