

# Willowcroft Vineyard Cabernet Franc ~ 2019



## Pronunciation:

Cab-er-nay Franc

Cab-err-nay fronk

KA-behr-nay FRANHN

## Blend :

97% Cabernet Franc

3% Chambourcin

## Vineyard:

Haley Lower Vineyard 80

Cabernet Franc acreage: 1.8 acres

1962 pounds of fruit

## Our Grapes:

All WC Vineyards have Cabernet Franc. Our first plantings were done in the late 1980s. We grow four different clones. Slightly less tannic than it's cousin Cabernet Sauvignon. Can show an herbal, spicy component over time. Ripens earlier than Cabernet Sauvignon.

## Tasting Room Notes:

Full-bodied. Dark cherry. Dry

## Additional Facts:

- One of the widely recognized Bordeaux Grapes
- dark skinned
- Light to Medium bodied
- Known for Herbaceous accents of tobacco and dark spice
- Methoxy-pyrazine or Pyrazine chemical, which causes green bell pepper characteristic, produced when grapes are sheltered from the sun or picked under-ripe. Some clones will naturally produce grapes with more bell pepper characteristics. Green bell pepper is considered a flaw.
- 30 minutes of decanting will soften Cabernet Franc and increase boldness
- Commonly used as a blending grape
- Loire Valley specializes in Cabernet Franc as a single-varietal
- Parent grape of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Carménère

## Tasting Checklist:

Color & Depth: Light red

Nose: Earthy

Sweetness: None

Body: Medium-Full

## Winemaking Notes:

Harvest: Hand-harvested / Crushed Sep 18, 2019

Skin Contact: Yes

Fermentation: Stainless steel

Aging: French, Hungarian, and American oak barrels for 11 months

Production: 972 bottles

## Technical:

Brix: 22.1

pH: 3.39

T.A. 6.1

Residual Sugar: <.2% RS

Alcohol: 12.5%

## Pairings:

- Chicken dishes
- Blue cheese
- Beef fondue