

# 2017 Cabernet Franc

*Champoux Vineyard*

**The story of this wine.** This very limited bottling shows the compelling potential of Cabernet Franc from a top vineyard. Though it's often used as a spice in our Bordeaux blends, this wine, from the legendary Champoux Vineyard, has its own unique character and complexity that convinced us to feature it alone.

**Winemaker Tasting Notes.** "Featuring a dark garnet color, this year's Cabernet Franc opens with dark red cherry, boysenberry, damp earth, winter mint, and hints of rose petal on the nose. The palate is weighty, full-bodied, and complex, with mulberry, tobacco leaf, earthy notes, and savory herbs, kept lively with bright acidity. One of the standouts of the vintage, this beauty can stay in the cellar another year or two, and be enjoyed over the following decade plus.

- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

**Vintage:** 2017

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**Winemaking:** Native yeast, 20% new French oak, aged 20 months.  
Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

**pH** 3.95  
**TA** 5.7 g/L  
**VA** 0.68 g/L  
**Alcohol** 14.8%

**AVA:** Horse Heaven Hills

**Vineyard:**

100% Champoux Vineyard,  
1997 planting

**Cases:** 125

**Release:** April 2020

**Jeb Dunnuck - 96 points:**

"From a cooler site in the Horse Heaven Hills and all varietal, the 2017 Cabernet Franc Champoux Vineyard has brilliant notes of crème de cassis, red plums, chocolate, spice, flowery incense, and cedarwood. Beautifully textured, medium to full-bodied, and balanced on the palate, it shows the elegance and purity of the vintage yet still packs plenty of opulence and texture. It's one of the finest expressions of this variety I've tasted from Washington State. Drink this beauty any time over the coming 10-15 years." - JD

