



Munson Mountain Cabernet Franc 2018

100% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol Level: 14.9%
Levels: pH 3.82 TA 6.0 g/l
Sugar: 0.6 g/l
Harvest date: October 30-31, 2018
CSPC +75254



Tasting Notes

Deep ruby red in colour, with aromas of black currant, liquorice root, and gun flint. This full-bodied wine with velvety tannins boasts medium acidity with a long savoury finish. The first sip brings notes of sweet cherry and undertones of tobacco and river stone. Pair this with a grilled bison strip loin and roasted new potatoes.

Harvest Notes

The 2018 growing season was similar to 2017. Spring started off slowly and was wetter than average. 2018 found the vineyards two weeks behind our normal bud burst. Once the warmer weather arrived mid-spring, it caused the above average snow levels in the mountains to melt rapidly resulting in another year of flooding. The flooding did not wash any topsoil away and, after a challenging start, the end of spring weather conditions were perfect for an ideal fruit set. Once summer arrived, it was hot and dry which tested our vineyard crews to pay close attention to irrigation regimes and leaf-to-fruit ratios. The vineyards soaked up the summer sunshine; meticulous farming and careful yield management allowed the grapes to fully ripen on the vine. September was wet. After each rainfall, the tractors were driven down the vineyard rows to blow the water off the vines and fruit ensuring there was no opportunity for mold to develop. A beautiful autumn saw the perfect weather to allow the fruit to catch up after a wet September.

Winemaking Notes

2017 is a micro-selection of the best lots from our home vineyard on the slope of Penticton's landmark Munson Mountain, just below the winery. The criteria are all about quality and barrel selection. In 2017, the Cabernet Franc was hand picked and sorted in the Munson Mountain estate vineyard by the Poplar Grove Winery team. The berries were crushed and held cold for three days. The wine was kept separate for 18 months in both new and older French oak barrels and then assembled for bottling. Our Cabernet Franc further developed in bottle for 18 months prior to release.

Cellaring Notes

The 2018 Munson Mountain Cabernet Franc will develop for well over a decade. Drink now through 2030.