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2017 Reserve Plummer Vineyard Cabernet Franc



The Vintage

After five-drought impacted years, 2017 brought us a plentitude of fruit, due to above average wet winters in 2015 & 2016. The vintage did see some weather related curveballs. Early spring delivered heavy rains which impacted fruit set, but Mother Nature was kind providing a relatively mild summer. She must never be taken for granted as the heat turned up the final week of August, a heat wave lasting 7 days topping that scales at 112 degrees. The Central Coast had not seen this long and this high a heat wave in over 8 years. Temperatures returned to normal and we once again anticipated a normal harvest time, until the threats of severe thunderstorms loomed causing our decision to harvest a little earlier than we originally planned. Thankfully the cool nights allowed the grape flavors to develop, sugar levels to rise, and sustain the all-important acids.

The Clone

Our Reserve Cabernet Franc is crafted from Clone 4 (also known as French clone 332) that was imported to Foundation Plant Services from the Chambre d'Agriculture de la Gironde, France. Recognized for its low yields, intense dark fruit flavors and increased richness and mouthfeel; when paired with the vineyard's soil, sun exposure and microclimate we felt it was the ideal choice for our Reserve.

The Winemaking Process

Blend:	100% Cabernet Franc	
Harvest:	October 23, 2017	
pH:	3.8	Brix: 27.3
TA:	0.67g/ml	Alcohol: 14.4%
Bottled:	July 30, 2019	
Aged in 40% new French oak.		

Tasting Notes

This limited production 100% Cabernet Franc will have you shouting from the rooftops that 'Cab Franc is not just a blending grape.' Our 2017 Plummer Vineyard Reserve Cabernet Franc showcases exactly what Mother Nature provides. The bright, rich complexity developed from barrel aging in 40% new French oak, indulges your senses with aromas of raspberry, strawberry and smoke. Its silky tannins linger on your palate allowing you to enjoy the addicting strawberry, chocolate, and spice flavors as you contemplate another sip.