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2018 Paso Robles Classic Cabernet Franc

The Vintage

The 2018 harvest was one of the best some growers have seen in years! This vintage was easier than the past several without the threat of heat spikes, rain, or other detrimental weather conditions. Approximately 70% of the annual rainfall for the vintage came in February and March. The critical July through October period was consistently warm to hot, with 7% more degree days than average, producing lush, balanced and complex wines.

The Vineyard

Plummer Vineyard, located on the East side of Paso Robles where the Cabernet Franc planting was planted with a WSW to ENE row orientation, selected to reduce fruit exposure to direct sunlight during veraison. This unique row orientation has successfully reduced fruit sunburn and allows harvest “hang time” flexibility. Wines made from Plummer Vineyard fruit have consistently shown intense color and good acidity/tannin balance.

The Winemaking Process

Blend: 90% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
Harvest: October 18, 2018
pH: 3.82
TA: 0.65g/ml
Brix: 27.3
Bottled: June 29, 2020
Alcohol: 14.4%
Aged in 20% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

Our 2018 Classic Cabernet Franc grabs your attention with its alluring garnet color. Your olfactory senses will be awakened with aromas of violets, blueberries, leather and bright black fruits. When you finally convince yourself to drag the glass away in order to take your first sip, your palate will be enticed by the well-integrated tannins and acidity that form the backbone to lively blackberry and plum flavors. You will be rewarded with additional complexity of earth and forest floor as the finish lingers for what seems like minutes.

