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2022 Cinnabari

The Vintage
The 2022 began with ideal weather conditions. The triple-digit heat wave we saw during the summer finally broke on September 10th, providing much needed cooler weather. Combined, these conditions allowed the fruit to ripen significantly earlier than in previous vintages. There were a lot of difficult decisions made in terms of when to harvest. High temperatures equals higher sugars, but the lack of phenolic ripeness makes it difficult to produce a balanced wine. Many a night's sleep were lost deciding to wait it out.

The Wine
Dedicated to the family of Cabernet Franc. The ultimate goal of this wine is to have Cabernet Franc blended with all of its offspring. For this vintage, the Cabernet Franc is from the Estrella District, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon are from the Geneseo.

The Winemaking Process
Blend: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot
Harvest: October 11-17, 2022
Finished blend: pH: 3.65   TA: 0.63g/ml alcohol: 14.3%
Bottled: April 25, 2024
Aged in 20% new French oak.

Tasting Notes
Medium garnet in color, this wine is a treat for both the eyes and the taste buds. With its rich hue, it beckons you to take a sip and reveals a complex array of aromas that are guaranteed to tantalize your senses. Imagine taking a whiff of red hot cinnamon drops mixed with notes of tobacco and freshly picked cherries, all enhanced by a refreshing hint of mint. As you take your first sip, you will be greeted by flavors of juicy cherry, paired with the sweetness of dried cherries and the tanginess of red currant. But that's not all – the subtle yet distinct presence of baking spices adds another layer of depth to each sip. The medium tannins give just enough structure and balance to the wine, allowing all the flavors to come together harmoniously. And as you finish each glass, you'll be left with a medium but satisfying aftertaste that will leave you reaching for more.