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2023 Metz Vineyard Reserve Cabernet Franc

The Vintage

2023 was the coolest vintage since 2011. The winter saw two dramatic rain events providing us with over 200% of our typical annual rainfall. Due to the drought in the previous three years, there was a continuous decrease in yield. The rain allowed the vines to regenerate and resulted in higher fruit production. The cool climate meant that the vines came out of dormancy late, delaying the ripening process. Finally, in October, weather warmed up, rain halted and fruit ripened ideally.

The Clone

Sourced from Metz Vineyard and crafted from Clone 1 (French Clone 327) imported from France's Gironde region, is prized for low yields, intense dark fruit, violet and spice aromas, richness, age-worthiness, and a full mouthfeel.

The Winemaking Process

Blend:	100% Cabernet Franc (single clone)	Brix:	26.7
pH:	3.83	Alcohol:	14.6
TA:	5.1g/L	Bottled:	April 30, 2025

Aged in 40% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

Our 2023 Reserve Cabernet Franc is all about precision and elegance. Aromas of fresh herbs, red currant, and subtle earth lead into a beautifully balanced palate, where silky tannins create a seamless, graceful texture. There's depth and focus without heaviness, allowing the vineyard's character to shine through in every sip. Refined yet inviting, this is a wine that rewards slowing down—perfect for thoughtful food pairings, lingering conversations, and moments that deserve a little extra attention.



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