



VINA ROBLES



Brix At Harvest ————— 26.2°

Total Acidity ————— 6.1 G/L

Ph ————— 3.56

Alc ————— 15.6%

2023 Cabernet Franc

BEAR VALLEY VINEYARD

The Wine

A classic expression of Cabernet Franc, the 2023 vintage is both refined and refreshingly distinctive. It balances the variety's hallmark savory herbal character with bright aromatics, vibrant freshness, and an intriguing touch of rustic charm, resulting in a wine that is elegant, complex, and unmistakably Cabernet Franc.

Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Franc

Vintage Notes

The 2023 growing season in Paso Robles was characterized by a long, even ripening period with moderate temperatures and cool evenings. These conditions encouraged exceptional flavor development while preserving freshness and natural acidity. The result is Cabernet Franc with expressive aromatics, vibrant structure, and beautifully balanced tannins.

Vineyard Notes

This Cabernet Franc is sourced exclusively from Bear Valley Vineyard in the Adelaida District, located on Paso Robles' rugged west side. Planted adjacent to the estate's Malbec block, the vineyard sits on rocky calcareous soils with southwest-facing slopes that benefit from cooling marine influence just miles from the Pacific Ocean. The combination of elevation, limestone soils, and low yields produces Cabernet Franc with exceptional aromatic intensity, savory complexity, and refined structure.

Winemaking

The fruit was hand-harvested in the cool early morning hours before being carefully sorted, gently destemmed, and fermented in small temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Regular pump-overs encouraged balanced extraction of color, flavor, and tannin while preserving the variety's vibrant aromatics. The wine was then aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, allowing the fruit, spice, and savory characteristics to integrate into a polished, age-worthy expression.

Tasting Notes

The 2023 Bear Valley Cabernet Franc opens with classic aromas of red and black currants, green spice, fresh herbs, and savory cured meats, layered with notes of fennel sausage and subtle cinnamon. On the palate, the wine is vibrant and energetic, with refined tannins, bright herbal character, and a savory freshness that carries through a long, elegant finish.

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