

ONE OFF

Beginning To End Cabernet Franc Hawke's Bay 2019

I get asked ALL THE TIME for a straight Cabernet Franc, but... if I'm honest... it's not an easy thing to do well. The thing that makes Cab Franc a wonderful addition to a blend is it's beautifully aromatic, unbelievably perfumed and exotic nose, matched with an equally impressive sweetness that hits your mouth immediately. To get it right all on its own you need to not bugger up the good bits and build the rest of the wine around it.

VINEYARD

2019 was the first of three really smart red wine vintages in a row. Sustained warm temperatures and dry weather during autumn. Hand harvested from two different sites in Hawke's Bay, both able to reach full ripeness with season to spare.

WINERY

Individually fermented and blended in January 2020. Aged in old, neutral French oak barrels to allow a pureness of the expression of fruit. Bottled un fined, March 2021 and bottle aged until its release in April 2022.

TASTE

Dark cedar and new leather with dry tobacco leaf on the nose. Ripe red fruits and a dark spice. Great texture with a lively acid, with loads of ripe plum and blackcurrant flavours. Fine tannins persist through out with a slightly dusty, leathery finish. Beautifully balanced and beautifully fresh.



Alc/Vol: 13%

Standard drinks: 7.7

Allergens: Contains sulphites

Vegan Friendly