

DEUX SOLDATS

ESTATE VINEYARD & WINERY

2018 Cabernet Franc Walla Walla Valley

The Vineyards

We sourced our Cabernet Franc in 2018 from Summit View Vineyard in the Walla Walla Valley, planted in 2009 and sitting on a Northeastern slope at 1200-ft. in elevation. The Summit View Vineyard sits on predominately Ellingford Silt Loam, which is wind-driven glacial Loess brought to the area during the melting of glacial Lake Missoula 13,000 years ago. The location of the vineyard enjoys year-round gentle breezes, resulting in perfect summer growing conditions and frost-free winters.

The Vintage

2018 offered up a near-perfect growing season with warm, dry summer conditions and a beautiful "fall-like" September and October, which allowed acids to develop while the grapes matured. The resulting wines are ripe, pure and balanced.

The Wine

Our 2018 Cabernet Franc is a rich, inky black-and blue-wine with firm structure. Small-berried with abundant skin tannins and saturated color, our Cabernet Franc needed minimal new oak in the cellar to achieve a wonderful balance, and the cool October weather in 2018 allowed the grapes to develop palate-cleansing acidity.

Rich and dark in the glass, the wine offers a nose of crushed blackberries on the hottest summer day. The palate follows with typical Cabernet Franc ripe blueberry and hints of chalk and cedar on the finish. Baking spices mingle on the back of the palate with the fine-grain tannins, leading into a long, sleek finish. This wine is enjoyable now with an hour of decanting, or cellar for 5-8 years for future enjoyment.



THE BLEND:

100% Cabernet Franc

VITICULTURE:

LIVE Certified

Salmon Safe Certified

100% Estate Grown

TECHNICAL DATA:

Harvested October 11th

14.5% alcohol

.610 Total acidity

3.7pH

Aged 18 months in 30%

New French Oak

RELEASED: December, 2020 / 50 Cases Produced

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