

2019 Cabernet Franc

Champoux Vineyard

The Story of This Wine. This very limited bottling shows the compelling potential of Cabernet Franc from a top vineyard. Though it's often used as a spice in our Bordeaux blends, this wine, from the legendary Champoux Vineyard, has its own unique character and complexity that convinced us to feature it alone.

Winemaker Tasting Note. "Another complex and interesting wine from this singular site. Leads with aromas of red plum, Rainier cherry, tobacco leaf, and saddle leather, with hints of dried herbs and brewer's malt. The palate is rich with waxy red fruits, huckleberry, tobacco, and desert herbs, with a fine dusting of tannins to lend structure to the broad fruit notes. This wine will benefit from a couple of years in the cellar and will be very interesting to follow for the next decade plus."

- Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Vintage: 2019

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard: 100% Champoux Vineyard, 1997 planting

Winemaking: Native yeast, aged 20 months in a mix of once-used and older French oak. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.3%

Cases: 90

Release: December 11, 2021

94 Points, International Wine Report

"100% Cabernet Franc that is aged in once used and neutral French oak barrels and coming from one of the best vineyards in Horse Heaven Hills, I absolutely am in love with this wine. When I taste a stellar example of Cabernet Franc, I always ask myself why I don't drink more of it. Aromas of red currant, black cherry, orange zest, tobacco leaf, cigar box, vanilla bean and just a hint of jalapeno fill the nose. Ripe red and black fruit dominate the palate and the pepper notes of the nose disappear and you are presented with lovely flavors of classic Cab Franc. Acidity is medium plus, tannins are silky and perfectly integrated and the body is medium to full. Drink now or over the next decade." - Jeremy Young, IWR

