TENOR

2023 Solaksen Cabernet Franc



The 2023 Tenor Solaksen Vineyard Cabernet Franc is a concentrated, expressive wine from the Royal Slope AVA. This 100% Cabernet Franc delivers layers of dark fruit, graphite, dried herbs, violet, and mocha, balanced by a richly textured palate and refined tannin structure.

After four vintages with their fair share of drama, 2023 was a welcome return to normal. Typical timing. Typical yields. Typical harvest dates. Boring? Maybe. We loved every minute of it. A steady growing season and cooler finish allowed the fruit to develop exceptional flavor, structure, and freshness without being rushed.

Hand-harvested in October, the wine underwent a 14-day fermentation in oak barrels, followed by more than 30 days in contact with the grape skins to build depth and texture. It then spent 23 months aging in 100% new oak, developing richness and polish while preserving its distinctive aromatic complexity. Bottled on September 8, 2025, just three barrels were produced, yielding 71 cases.

"The imprint of sappy dried herbs is strong in the 2023 Cabernet Franc Solaksen Vineyard, followed by graphite, black fruit, violet, and mocha. Lean with power, it's medium-bodied, with an inky color and burly tannins that open slowly on the midpalate."

95 POINTS, VIRGINIE BOONE, JEBDUNNUCK.COM

"This shows nice herbal cabernet franc aromas with rich floral and bitter chocolate notes. Full-bodied with silky tannin and a rich mid-palate"

94 POINTS, COURTNEY HUMISTON, JAMESSUCKLING.COM

SELECT VINEYARDS

ROYAL SLOPE AVA	SOLAKSEN VINEYARD

LABELED AVA	ROYAL SLOPE
VARIETALS	100% CABERNET FRANC
FERMENTATION	FERMENTED FOR 14 DAYS, FOLLOWED BY 30+ DAYS OF EXTENDED CONTACT WITH THE GRAPE SKINS.
AGING	AGED 23 MONTHS IN 100% NEW OAK.
ALCOHOL	14.9%
CASES	71
RETAIL	$145



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