

TENOR

2021 Tenor Cabernet Franc



The 2021 vintage in the Columbia Valley was characterized by below-average precipitation in the winter, early bud-break in late March, and moderately early bloom under hot and windy conditions in late May and early June. The bloom conditions led to the production of small berries, small clusters and low yields. The high-temperatures in June affected sugar advancement, flavor development, and phenolic ripeness. Despite these challenges, the fruit for the Tenor Cabernet Franc was in great shape and it was hand-harvested and hand-sorted to further ensure quality.

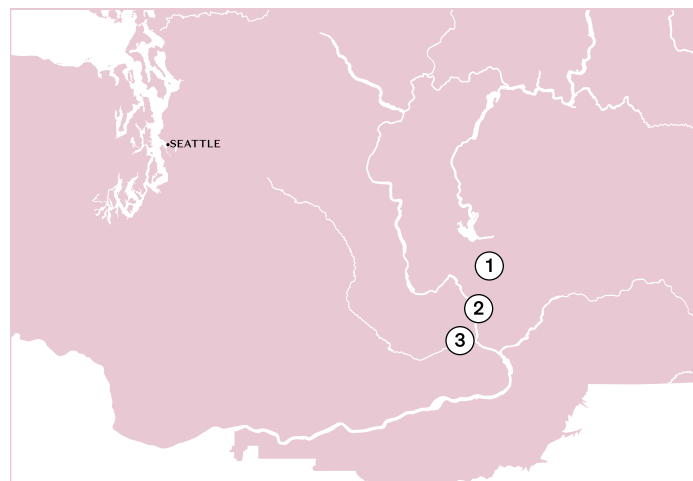
The Cabernet Franc for this wine comes from multiple vineyards and AVAs, which are ultimately blended together. The wine was fermented using a combination of non-saccharomyces and designer yeasts, monitored and controlled within a particular temperature range, and left to mature in new French oak barrels for 21 months. The final blend was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

“The 2021 Cabernet Franc is one of the finest wines of its kind that I have tasted over the past year. It shows a high-end Napa level of concentration with lovely nuance. Once on the mouth this displays lovely weight with a pillowy texture and strong underlying finesse. Freshly roasted coffee bean flavors mingle well with sagebrush, boysenberry fruits and hints of red bell pepper. This is highly refined Cabernet Franc that will continue to provide drinking enjoyment over the next fifteen plus years.

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SELECT VINEYARDS

1	COLUMBIA VALLEY AVA	CONNER LEE
2	WHITE BLUFFS AVA	BACCHUS
3	RED MOUNTAIN AVA	QUINTESSENCE



LABELED AVA	COLUMBIA VALLEY
VARIETALS	100% CABERNET FRANC
FERMENTATION	PRIMARY 10-14 DAYS IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS, SPENDING 30+ DAYS ON SKINS.
AGING	21 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK. COOPERS= 63% GAMBA, 25% SYLVAIN, 12% TARANSAUD.
ALCOHOL	15.1%
CASES	186
BEST BETWEEN	NOW – 2042
RETAIL	\$185