

# TENOR



## 2022 Cabernet Franc

The 2022 Tenor Cabernet Franc is sourced from four distinct vineyard parcels within the Columbia Valley AVA. Key sites include Solaksen Vineyard on Royal Slope and three vineyards on Red Mountain: Quintessence, Red Mountain Vineyard, and Angela's. Together, these sites offer a broad and expressive view of what Cabernet Franc can become in the Columbia Valley.

Our winemaking team worked closely with vineyard managers to restrict yields, resulting in small, concentrated berries. Cool fall nights helped preserve acidity while flavor continued to develop. Hand-harvesting occurred during the early morning hours in mid-October, marking one of the latest harvests on record.

At the winery, fruit was de-stemmed and berry-sorted. Prior to fermentation, nearly 30% of the grape volume was saignée from tank to intensify the concentration across all varietals, including Cabernet Franc. Fermentations lasted 14–17 days, followed by an additional 2–3 weeks of extended maceration in tank to enhance texture and integration.

The wine was aged for 21 months in 100% new French oak from top cooperages (Taransaud, Gamba, Sylvain, and Quintessence). Eleven barrels were selected for the final blend, resulting in just 244 cases. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, the wine preserves its natural vibrancy, purity, and depth.

The final blend is 100% Cabernet Franc, composed of clones 1, 214, and 327.

*“It has a deep ruby color and alluring wafts of spearmint, dark chocolate and violet that give way to red and black cherry and currant aromas. The palate balances concentrated, nuanced flavors with luxuriously powdery tannins and vibrant acidity, and it has a very long, elegant finish.”*

– 94 POINTS, ERIN BROOKS, THE WINE ADVOCATE

### SELECT VINEYARDS

RED MOUNTAIN AVA	QUINTESSENCE, RED MOUNTAIN, ANGELA'S
ROYAL SLOPE AVA	SOLAKSEN



LABELED AVA	COLUMBIA VALLEY
VARIETALS	100% CABERNET FRANC
FERMENTATION	12-15 DAYS IN STAINLESS STEEL TANKS, SPENDING A TOTAL OF OVER 30 DAYS FOR EXTENDED MACERATION
AGING	21 MONTHS
ALCOHOL	15.2%
CASES	244
BEST BETWEEN	NOW – 2043
RETAIL	\$185