



WOODWARD CANYON

2020 WALLA WALLA VALLEY ESTATE CABERNET FRANC

This is the fourth release of our Walla Walla Valley Estate Cabernet Franc. This wine was produced from grapes grown at Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard at the western edge of the Walla Walla Valley and fermented with native yeasts and underwent spontaneous malolactic fermentation. Our Estate Cabernet Franc blocks were planted beginning in 1997 along the wide level hilltop that crests our Estate Vineyard.

ACCLAIM

94 Points, *Owen Bargreen*
93 Points, *Vinous* (v2019)
94 Points, *Owen Bargreen* (v2018)
91 Points, *Wine Enthusiast* (v2018)

VINEYARD

Woodward Canyon Estate Vineyard

Planted in 1977, Woodward Canyon is the westernmost vineyard in Walla Walla Valley AVA, roughly 15 miles west of Walla Walla, Washington. There are 41 vineyard acres planted and several more acres of green belts that support native species such as western juniper, ponderosa pine, western sagebrush, arrowleaf balsamroot, and perennial wildflowers. Ritzville silt loam over fractured basalt, slope 15-18%, 750-850 ft. elevation. All grapes are Salmon Safe certified as is the wine.

TASTING NOTES

This garnet red wine begins with wet stone, dried herbs, and brambly fruit notes. It continues with bramble fruit, dried violets, plum berry and a subtle tomato vine. It is elegant and opens up beautifully with more time in your glass. Sweet dry tannins create good grip, and subtle fruit and savory aromas show varietal typicity. This wine is balanced enough to enjoy now and with proper cellaring should age well for 5-7 years. Pair with grilled lamb, duck confit, or a roasted wild mushroom stew.



WINE DATA

Varietal composition:

100% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 15.1%

Bottling Date: May 24, 2022

Release Date: March 2023

MSRP: \$52

Case Production: 433 cases

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted

48 hour cold soak

Fermented with native yeast in
2 ton stainless steel fermenters

Two year-old French &
Hungarian barrels, 20 months