



Clos du Soleil

Winemaker's Series

Estate Vineyard

Cabernet Franc 2016

Technical Information

pH:	3.5
Titrateable Acidity:	6.2 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.23 g/L
Alc:	14.0%
Harvest date:	October 19th, 2016
Bottling date:	June 18th, 2018
Vineyard sources:	Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard, Keremeos, Similkameen Valley, Keremeos, BC
Varieties:	100% Cabernet Franc
Total production:	68 cases
SKU:	+168917 (750mL)

Tasting Notes

The taster is greeted with an enticing, complex nose of cedar and forest-undergrowth, coupled with ripe berry fruit: blackberry, raspberry and blackcurrant. On the palate this wine is full, long, complex. Moreover, it tells the story of its biodynamic single-vineyard origins. The body is full, and elegant, with a very fine but full tannic structure. The attack is full of sweet ripe black berry fruit but on the mid-palate the wine immediately opens out to a combination of fleshy fruit complemented with meaty and spicy components. This wine straddles the balance between richness and finesse, erring on the side of finesse, yet giving up nothing in terms of complexity. The finish is long. A true vin de terroir, this wine drinks beautifully now but will only develop in complexity with further cellaring.

Winemaking Notes

Our winemaking philosophy is to treat our grapes gently and with respect, in order to produce a complex, age worthy wine that best expresses the unique terroir of the Similkameen Valley's Upper Bench. These Cabernet Franc grapes were grown in our organic-certified Estate vineyard, using biodynamic practices, and then hand-harvested at peak maturity. They were subsequently destemmed, gently crushed, then gravity fed into a tank for spontaneous fermentation by indigenous yeast. After 26 days on the skins, the wine was gently pressed in our basket press and then aged for 15 months in used (3rd fill) French oak barrels. This wine was neither filtered, nor fined, in order to produce a wine that speaks directly of the land.

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