

2017 Two Blondes Cabernet Franc

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Cabernet Franc has been a long-time favorite varietal of the winery and we are seeing that interest expand across the country. This wine shows off the true nature of what Washington State Cab Franc should be, a combination of both herbal and earthy notes combined with a core of both red and black fruits. A perfect food wine that has aging capability with a very accessible palate right out of the gate.

The 2017 vintage started out with a cool spring which was an extension of the preceding cool, wet winter throughout Eastern Washington. This meant that both bud break and bloom took place behind some of the more recent warm vintages. July and August warmed up with temperatures higher than average leading to a typical harvest time of mid-September for the first grapes. By the end of September, the temperatures started to cool down allowing for extra hang time and a more extending harvest window. The 2017 Vintage is already shaping up to be vintage with a focus on elegance and freshness.

Reviews:

(92 Points)...Displaying a core of red fruit draped in potpourri spice overflowing with dark cherries, it exudes supple yet complex, healthy fruit. Medium-bodied, precise and quality-focused, the palate doesn't offer much of the bell pepper flavors associated with Cabernet Franc. Taut and well-balanced on the mid-palate, the wine has a beautiful structure and lingers on and on with a long, elegant, silky finish. This bottling is going into my cellar. (Anthony Mueller – Wine Advocate)

(92 Points)...The 2017 Cabernet Franc Two Blondes Vineyard is another beautiful wine from this team. Notes of violets, spring flowers, cedary incense, and leafy herbs as well as a beautiful red and black fruit quality all flow to a medium-bodied, seamless, elegant wine with terrific balance and a great finish. It's going to evolve for a decade or more. Jeb Dunnuck – Jebdunnuck.com

Composition: 100% Cabernet Franc (Block 8 and Angle Block)

Vinification: Indigenous yeasts, fermentation in stainless steel tanks using a Pulseair for cap management, no filtering, no fining, minimal SO₂

Vineyard: Two Blondes (~30 acres total, sustainable farming, handpicked fruit, vineyard manager = Patrick Rawn)

AVA: Yakima Valley AVA, Washington State, USA

Average Age of Vines: 17 years

Time in barrels: 19 months (20% New French Oak, 80% Neutral French Oak)

Bottling Date: March 2019

Total Production: 1550 Cases

ABV: 13.5%

