

The Reserve Series



2007 Cabernet Franc El Dorado 'Reserve'

Source: Gold Hill Vineyard, El Dorado County

Harvest Date: September 30, 2007

Brix at Harvest: 26

Time in Barrel: 18 months

Type of Oak: Neutral French & American

Alcohol: 15.2%

Bottled: April 9, 2009

Production: 332 cases

Winemaker's Notes: 2007 marked the 12th harvest of one of Crystal Basin Cellars' flagship wines, Cabernet Franc, from the Gold Hill Vineyard in El Dorado County. Overlooking the American River Canyon the vineyard enjoys warm days and cooling breezes at night. This micro-climate allows an optimal ripening cycle and showcases a glowing example of the intense flavors possible from Sierra Foothill Cabernet Franc grapes.

This wine is made in a minimalist winemaking style following traditional methods, as well this wine shows aromas of violets and rose petals along with a rich black cherry backbone.

Often used for blending, our Cabernet Franc is far better on its own – it is consistently one of Crystal Basin Cellars favorites. Previous vintages of Crystal Basin Cellars Cabernet Franc have won numerous awards in wine competitions and this one should prove to be no exception.

This wine will benefit from time in the bottle to mellow the tannins and transform the intense fruit-forward style of the wine to a smooth-as-silk elegant example of this right bank Bordeaux classic. This Cabernet Franc should be at a peak 18 to 24 months after release.

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