

2018 Whole Picture Estate Cabernet Franc

Established in 2005, Hard Row to Hoe Vineyards is a family-owned and operated estate winery located in the Lake Chelan Valley. The focus is on making wine from locally-sourced grapes grown in the Lake Chelan AVA.

Striving towards sustainability, the estate vineyard is farmed organically and is the first Low Input Viticulture and Enology, or LIVE, and Salmon Safe-certified vineyard in North Central Washington.

The new 'Whole Picture' label represents wines produced using unique, or notable wine making or vineyard practices, representing the best the winery has to offer.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were handpicked from our estate vineyard in mid-October after a warm growing season and cool October. The estate grapes were picked in 25 lb. picking lugs to prevent the fruit from crushing prematurely. The grapes were destemmed without crushing and the whole berries tipped into a 5-ton open-top, wood foudre. Fermentation completed utilizing only native yeast. The wine was aged in 50% new oak barrel for 24 months then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in December, 2020.

TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits great purity of fruit and has a long, vibrant finish. Loaded with dark cherry and plum flavors with a complex aroma of herbs, spices and violets. Well balanced with richness and good acidity. Benefits from decanting.

VINEYARD

Glacial Gravels estate vineyard is situated on the north shore of Lake Chelan at 1300' elevation. Farmed by the owner's hand, organically and sustainably, it produces wines of quality and complexity, owing partly to its southwest aspect and slope which allow for efficient air drainage. It is a windy site leading to natural reduced vigor that encourages robust aromatics and supple tannins.



VARIETALS

100% Cabernet Franc
Estate Glacial Gravels
Vineyard
Lake Chelan

TECHNICAL INFO

Cases: 425
Harvest Date: Oct 25, 2018
Barrel Regime:
20% new French
10% new Hungarian
20% new American
Brix at Harvest: 25.5°
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.6
Total Acidity: 0.67
g/100 mL



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