

2021 CABERNET FRANC

Champoux Vineyard

The Story of This Wine. This very limited bottling shows the compelling potential of Cabernet Franc from a top vineyard. Though it's often used as a spice in our Bordeaux blends, this wine, from the legendary Champoux Vineyard, has its own unique character and complexity that convinced us to feature it alone.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes. "Exotic on the nose with Bing cherry syrup, red raspberries, black tea, sassafras, damp tobacco leaf, pencil shavings, and rubbed thyme. Plush and silky on the palate, with bright cherry, pomegranate seed, loamy earth tones, and dusted, savory herbs. This unique wine is drinking well now, but as always, will improve with 4-5 years in the cellar. Drink 2026-2040." - Chris Peterson, Winemaker

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills

Vineyard: Champoux

Cases: 167

Winemaking: Native yeast fermentation in large concrete tank; aged 20 months in 25% new French oak. Bottled unfined, unfiltered.

Alcohol: 14.2%

Release: December 2023

95 & Editors' Choice, Wine Enthusiast

"Fruit from an illustrious vineyard turns into something magical here. This 100% Cabernet Franc's aromas of raspberry pastilles, lemon bars and cedar are hard to resist. Then tart black-cherry, lemon-basil and clove flavors swirl about a meaty core of bacon fat. Brisk acidity and silky tannins help create a smooth and slippery mouthfeel."

- Michael Alberty

