

2019 SUSPENSE CABERNET FRANC



SENSORY NOTES

Butterflies in your stomach, sweat on your brow, trepidation pulsing through your body. The anxiety builds as you wonder, what happens next? It is a feeling we all know well and get addicted to in movies, novels, and media. That building sensation of mystery prompts you to know more and nuances that lead you to ask questions. It is Suspense.

The 2019 Suspense is dark red with garnet hues. It has aromas and flavors of rose petals, ripe raspberry, plum, and cherry. This wine is bursting with flavor with bright acidity, violets, and sweet roasted red pepper. Suspense finishes with ripe red fruit that is plush and lingering.

VINTAGE & WINEMAKING

The 2019 growing season was unique. Late winter weather left snow in the vineyard in February all the way into March, delaying pruning and other vineyard work. Summer temperatures were cooler, with a notable lack of heat spikes. A minor frost event at the end of September was followed by a series of larger, statewide frosts and freezes in early to mid-October. Cooler temperatures contributed to lower overall sugar accumulation and higher acidities, which we welcomed in this vintage. The grapes were then fermented in open-top small-lot bins. The wine was then aged on lees in large format French oak barrels to accentuate savory characteristics while softening the texture and finish.



DRINKING WINDOW & SERVING

This wine has a drinking window of 1-7+ years when cellared properly at 55F.



FOOD PAIRINGS

We recommend serving this wine with roasted pork, meatballs in marinara, pork belly, or a spinach and mushroom quiche.

APPELLATIONS

Columbia Valley A.V.A.
Conner-Lee Vineyard

FINAL BLEND

75% Cabernet Franc
20% Merlot
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

TECHNICAL DATA

Cases : 1,086 6/Packs
Bottled: Spring 2020
Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.78
TA: 5.9 g/L
RS: 0 g/L

AGING

Large format 100%
French Oak for 18 months



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