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HARVEST DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2019
STORAGE: FRENCH & AMERICAN OAK
ALCOHOL: 12.9%
SUGAR CONTENT: 3.0 g/L

BRIX AT HARVEST: 22.4
AGING: 12 MONTHS
STYLE: DRY RED WINE
CASES PRODUCED: 525

Vintages #272146 August 5, 2023 Flagship Exclusives Release

* Bronze Medal - WineAlign National Wine Awards of Canada 2021

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Because Kacaba's vineyards are situated on the Escarpment Bench, the soils here help produce quality wine even during an average Niagara growing season. The landscape's elevation and dense clay/loam soils naturally stress the vines which concentrate the flavours in the fruit. This concentration, coupled with strategic crop thinning, produces balanced tannins with ripe fruit flavours. Regardless of the conditions in a given growing season, Kacaba Vineyards has the ability to produce award-winning wines. All fruit for this 2019 Cabernet Franc was carefully harvested to ensure only the best fruit would be processed. After picking, the clusters were gently destemmed and allowed to cold soak on skins for two days prior to being inoculated with select yeast strains for fermentation. Manual pump-overs and punch-downs were performed twice daily for the 14-day duration of the fermentation. After finishing the primary fermentation, the wine was pressed from the skins and racked into a combination of 29 slightly older French and American oak barrels. There, the wine finished malolactic fermentation and remained to mature in oak for 12 months. Finally, the wine was racked, filtered and bottled in early September 2021.

TASTING NOTES:

This voluptuous wine has intriguing aromatics of ripe black cherry and boysenberry, with nuances of nutmeg and fine leather. The palate is medium-bodied and rich with luscious flavours of black currant and cranberry complemented by savoury notes of cumin, coriander, white pepper and thyme.

FOOD PAIRING:

This delicious and versatile wine pairs well with a variety of classic dishes or can be enjoyed all on its own. Perfect with gamey roasts such as lamb or venison, hearty pasta dishes like meat lasagna, and fun family favourites like pulled pork or a classic juicy burger.