

# **CABERNET FRANC RÉSERVE DU DOMAINE 2020**

## **Terroir and Viticulture:**

This wine is grown in the Niagara Peninsula. An incredibly rich-yet-nuanced, terroirbased wine. Each vineyard is cared for by hand, from pruning to hand-harvesting, and the vines are grown organically. No synthetic herbicides or insecticides are ever used.

#### Vintage:

2020 was a hot and mostly dry season with just the right amount of precipitation for established vineyards with moderate yields. There was little disease pressure- we almost made it look easy to grow grapes in Ontario!

## Vinification:

We believe indigenous yeasts make the most complete, textured, complex wines. The wine then naturally goes through malolactic fermentation, usually by the spring following the harvest.

The wine is then patiently aged in selected French oak barrels for 16 to 18 months.

### **Tasting Notes:**

The Réserve is a selection of our best barrels of Cabernet Franc carefully blended to create a world-class wine with black fruit, dark plum, and cassis. It is blended with a tiny percentage of Merlot from the same vineyard. The density and structure of the midpalate shows the brilliance of the 2020 vintage; concentrated blackberry, blueberry, black cherry with integrated tannins and a long finish. Dense and rich, yet still elegant, it is a wine that abounds with a "Sense of Place".

Best 2022 to 2032 \*Tasted January 2023

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