

# Andrew Peller Signature Series Cabernet Franc 2019

VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA VQA

#### WINE MAKING

Harvested October 26 through November 19 from one of our long-standing growers (Lawrie Vineyard) and from the Estate owned Carlton Vineyard. Through extensive skin contact and barrel malolactic fermentation we have developed a wine with great complexity and depth of flavour. Aged for 17 months in 80% French oak and 20% American oak barrels. (40% new oak). Selected barrel lots of Cabernet Franc were individually tasted and the top 27 barrels were selected for their structure, fruit concentration, mouthfeel, level of acidity and potential ageability. Minimal filtration before bottling, then allowed to age gracefully in bottle for one year before release.

## WINE ANALYSIS

Sweetness Level: 2.8 g/l, Extra-Dry

Alcohol: 13.5% TA: 5.9 g/l PID#: 1132012 UPC#: 0 48162 00547 1

CSPC#: 981134

VQA is about Place. Where soil, slope, sunshine, warmth and craftsmanship all matter. Taste the Place.



Garnet in colour with an aromatic bouquet of black currant, blue plum, smoky oak, spice box and a hint of tobacco. A full-bodied and firm Cabernet Franc. Wonderful flavours of blackberry, spice, coffee bean, and oak mingle on the palate. Lingering notes of spiced blackberry, black tea, oak, and cocoa powder on an extra-dry finish,

## **SERVING SUGGESTIONS**

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CABERNET FRANC

Serve at a cool room temperature of 18°C in large-bowled glasses. Serve with grilled red meats; grilled steak and red wine reduction; lamb stews; beef bourguignon; rich lentil or black bean stews; steak and kidney pie; marinated leg of lamb; Tuscan steak; pot roast; red wine braised short ribs; sautéed mushrooms with fennel seeds. Enjoy now to 2029; decanting is recommended if drinking now through 2022.

## **CRITICAL ACCLAIM**

Silver Medal – 93 points – International Wine & Spirit Competition, UK 2023.

Silver Medal – 92 points – Decanter World Wine Awards, UK 2023.

Silver Medal – 90 points – WineAlign National Wine Awards of Canada 2021.

Silver Medal – Los Angeles Int'l Wine Competition, USA 2022.

Not merely a simple gesture, a signature represents much more than a pen stroke. Peller Estates Signature Series wines capture four generations of identity, commitment, and connection. These wines are the very best we produce.



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