



2017 FATALIST CABERNET FRANC

ESTATE GROWN – SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Cabernet Franc has undeniably emerged as our most acclaimed and coveted wine, and now comes this inaugural vintage of FATALIST, representing the winemaker's selection of the two finest barrels from the vintage.

ESTATE VINEYARD

The 2017 FATALIST Cabernet Franc comes from a small 2.6-acre estate block situated along an upper highland, where rocky loam and limestone soils impart qualities of intensity and finesse. This block is planted entirely of Clone 332, which is prized for its sturdy tannins, beautiful spiciness and Bordeaux-style profile. Perhaps more than any other grape variety, Cabernet Franc exemplifies what is special about the terroir of the Brick Barn estate vineyard. Here, persistent sun exposure ensures depth of flavor, while the Pacific Ocean—just 10 miles away—delivers daily cooling that maintains fruit acidity and structure. The result is a cool-climate Cabernet Franc expression with uncommon grace and complexity.

WINEMAKING

The 2017 FATALIST Cabernet Franc was aged for over three years in premium Russian oak barrels. Winemaker Adrian Bolshoi tasted through each Cabernet Franc barrel and selected the two finest barrels to create this ultra-limited release. The journey of this wine began when the fruit was destemmed, cold soaked and fermented over a period of two weeks. At the conclusion of fermentation, the wine was gently pressed and racked to a combination of French and Russian oak barrels. During the aging process, Adrian identified the remarkable qualities of these two barrels and held them for extended aging, allowing for the development of textural depth, supple tannins and seamless integration.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 FATALIST Cabernet Franc is a wine of prodigious sophistication. Deep berry fruit aromas are accentuated with notes of mocha, caramel and exotic amburana spice. The palate is impossibly pure and seamless, filling the mouth with supple flavors of strawberry, black cherry and black currant, all underlain by hints of espresso, cedar, tobacco, graphite and leather. Polished tannins glide into a sleek, unending finish that leaves you wanting more.



VINEYARD

Block 18

CLONES

Clone 332

AGING

38 months – 100% new Russian oak

pH 3.60 **TA** .55 **ALC** 14.5%

MSRP \$140