



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata 2017 Cabernet Franc, Estate**

While traditionally the French, and even many Californians, believe that Cab Franc is not a variety that is worthy to stand alone, we heartily disagree with them. Cab Franc can be a challenge to grow and does frequently present some herbaceous qualities. For us, this just adds to the enjoyment of the finished wine. The 2017 vintage is full bodied and very fruit forward with a good bite of tannin. It does have that hint of bell pepper, but that just means it pairs amazingly well with green veggies. Open the bottle and drink it with your favorite lamb or beef and our Green Bean recipe.

Harvested: September 18th and September 30th, 2017

Brix: 24.9

pH: 3.68

Fermented: 14 days in 1.5 ton fermenters

Pressed: Into 25% older French oak barrels, 75% neutral barrels

Alcohol: 14.2%

Bottled: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Production: 91 cases

Aging: Full and rich, this one could use a little time. Best between 2021 and 2027. If you must drink it now, be sure to let it breathe in the bottle 4 to 6 hours or decant for 2 hours.