



## *Fratelli Perata Winery*

### **Fratelli Perata 2017 Mafalda, Estate**

Although she passed away many years ago, Mama Mafalda shows up at our house every day through her traditions. Her cooking skills were marvelous, based on her great palate and experience. Good ingredients were a must. We try to express her approach to cooking with this wine, crafted in her honor. The flavor is dominated by smoky, earthy Cabernet Franc, which has a lot of tannin. Mafalda was the daughter of Bambino, from Abruzzo. She didn't like waiting for wine to age. So we add Merlot for its silkiness and sweeter fruit and then Petit Verdot as a subtle, rich note. Although substantial and somewhat stern when just opened, this vintage will be particularly friendly and inviting when paired with a braised rack of lamb.

Blended: 57% Cabernet Franc, 38% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 14.3%

Bottled: August 7, 2020

Production: 112 cases

Aging: Best if aged a year or so to let the majority of the tannin settle. Drink 2021 to 2025.