



Description

2018 Old Master is as beautifully aromatic as Cabernet Franc can be in its finest expression. It has aromas of sage and cloves layered with blackberries and quince. Its flavors are elegant, dignified and generous, seemingly playing with your taste buds. The finish of fine, mature tannins is long and persistent. This is a delicious wine for now and into the 2030s.

Technical Information

Harvest: September 24th, October 2nd and 10th

Vineyard: Old Master

Blend: 76% Cabernet Franc & 24% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.7%

pH: 3.84

TA: 5.59 g/l

Retail price: \$95

Production: 143 cases (12pk/750ml)

Winemaking Process

Cabernet Franc and Merlot were hand-picked at night, hand-sorted, destemmed and fermented using native yeasts. The wine was barreled down to 80% new Darnajou, François Frères & Sylvain French oak barrels. The wine was blended after minimal racking and bottled unfiltered and unfined after 22 months.

96 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate

"The 2018 Old Master Proprietary Red is composed of 76% Cabernet Franc and 24% Merlot. Deep garnet-purple colored, it bursts from the glass with red currant jelly, kirsch and Black Forest cake scents plus hints of wild sage, tilled soil and pencil shavings. Medium to full-bodied, the palate offers a very firm, grainy texture along with a lively backbone, finishing with loads of layers."

96 points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

92 points, Jeb Dunnuck