

CABERNET FRANC

ORIGIN

Cab Franc is one of the most prevalent dark grape varieties worldwide. Believed to have been established in France during the 17th century, Cabernet Franc gained popularity during the 18th and 19th centuries throughout the country.

VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

In general, Cabernet Franc is very similar to Cabernet Sauvignon, but ripens at least a week earlier, which allows the vine to thrive in slightly cooler climates. The vine is strong and straight, with dark-green leaves. The berries are quite small and blue-black in color, with fairly thin skins.

COMMON WINE STYLES

Cabernet Franc shares many of the same aromas as Cabernet Sauvignon but with some noticeable differences. Cab Franc tends to be more lightly pigmented, though produces wines with the same level of intensity and richness. Cabernet Franc tends to have a more pronounced perfume with notes of raspberries, blackcurrants, and violets. It has slightly less tannins than Cabernet Sauvignon and tends to produce a wine with a smoother mouthfeel. New World examples of Cabernet Franc tend to emphasize the fruit more and may delay harvesting the grapes to try to minimize green leafy notes.

PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

Cabernet Franc was planted in the spring of 2018, at our Basalt Ridge property. Stay tuned for this grape in our product line.