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WINE DESCRIPTIONS – MARJICO

"THE HARVESTERS" CABERNET FRANC 2015

Cabernet Franc is one of the most important red grapes of Europe but is seldom held so in Australia, being rarely found, with just eighty or so out of 2,500 wineries in Australia making it as a varietal red wine, and just 5,500 tonnes crushed per vintage.

The twenty-five years of making Cabernet Franc super premium blends gave an insight into the beauty it brings to these blends, and so the curiosity to make it as a super premium became a quest. It is much gentler to the taste than Cabernet Sauvignon so making the enjoyment all the greater.

Ageing in Allier French oak adds a spiciness and gives more complexity.

2015 Marjico Cabernet Franc

The grapes came from a different Barossa vineyard to the 2014, and were picked slightly earlier in ripeness. The fuller clay-loam at Light Pass has given a very distinctive varietal Cabernet Franc lift to the florals. No doubt the earlier picking is also helping the violet character be more prominent.

A true varietal Cabernet Franc and a delight to experience the pureness of this, making it so much easier to understand what to look for on both bouquet and taste.

Fermentation took place at Wine Wise winery using set techniques established for the 2014 vintage.

Again Allier oak was used. Fifty percent now. Medium toast. However the time in oak was reduced to seventeen months prior to bottling on 8 December 2016. The reduced time still gave the sought after "spiciness" but allowed the florals more prominence, so adding greatly to the deluxe premium style so looked for.

Final alcohol is 14.1%, though this is rounded up to 14.5% on the label. Yet another attention to detail for excellence.

Another detail is the Merlot component being reduced to just eight percent of volume. This still gives lovely plummy lift yet does not over-power the florals.

Marjico Cabernet Franc 2015 is fantastic in so many ways and really gives great understanding of the variety and super premium quality.

There are many dishes to complement this wine, and most if not all will be in beautiful balance and harmony with the wine.

Only 300 dozen made. Packaged in six bottle cartons.

"You have to experience excellence to understand excellence."

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