



# JANUIK

## 2020 Weinbau Vineyard Cabernet Franc

### VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season will be remembered for low yields, warm summer weather and sufficient hang time to produce wines with intense aromas and concentrated flavors. Bud break began in mid-April, then conditions progressed at a moderate pace for the next six weeks before temperatures took a dip in early June. Warm weather returned in July, and temperatures stayed hot through the summer. Conditions were dry, allowing growers to control vine vigor through irrigation. Grapes were slow to ripen in early September, but by mid-month, the Columbia Valley settled into its usual pattern of warm days and cool nights. Ideal harvest conditions lasted into mid-October allowing vines to ripen light crop levels beautifully.

### VINEYARD

Weinbau Vineyard is located on the Wahluke Slope near Mattawa. The vineyard is one of the oldest in the area and is known for its particularly fine silty loam soils. This talcum powder-like soil provides good drainage and heat retention. Thanks in part to its location at the eastern portion of the Wahluke Slope, the vineyard experiences more moderate temperatures that help create longer hang time and ideal ripening conditions.

### WINEMAKING

After destemming and crushing, the grapes were fermented on their skins for 10 days. After being pressed off, the wine was aged for 19 months in equal amounts of new and once used French oak barrels. A small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon was added to the blend to help improve its already lengthy finish. Racking the wine every 5 months contributed to its remarkable suppleness and structure.

### TASTING NOTES

This dark, rich Cabernet Franc is loaded with blueberry, plum, and red fruit notes in the nose. Elegant and supple on the palate, the wine displays a clear sense of balance. The long, polished finish was developed in part from aging in new French oak barrels.

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### ANALYSIS AT BOTTLING

Total Acidity.....	0.57g/100ml
pH.....	3.68
Alcohol.....	14.4%
Blend.....	93% Cabernet Franc 5% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot
Cases.....	488
Bottling Date.....	May 22, 2022