



Cabernet Franc

A medium-bodied red wine with hints of blueberries, raspberries and cherries, a distinct bouquet, medium tannins, no residual sugar, good with heavy and/or spicy foods.

Cabernet franc is top contender for most robust of the red wines that we grow at Vermilion Valley Vineyards, but compared to its close relative Cabernet sauvignon, the leading red variety of Bordeaux, France, it is lighter, softer, and endowed with a more subtle bouquet. Modest proportions of this variety, along with those of several additional reds, such as Merlot and Petite verdot, are routinely blended in to smooth out the more robust Cabernet sauvignon, the results being the traditional French "clarets" (the name for Bordeaux reds given to by the English centuries ago). We currently offer Cabernet franc unblended. Being able to tolerate winter cold better than many other vinifera varieties, Cabernet franc has a secure future as one of northern Ohio's leading sources of premium red table wines.