



## Somos Wines

2022

# CABERNET FRANC

*McLaren Vale - Australia*



NATURAL



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Cabernet Franc  
**Vineyard:** Slate Creek Vineyard - grown by Jock Harvey & Liz Pitcher  
**Vine Age:** 30-years-old  
**Soil Type:** Crackling brown & red clay  
**Viticulture:** Sustainable – Certified Sustainable Australia Winegrower  
**Fermentation:** Native - open top stainless steel fermenters (100% destemmed)  
**Skin Contact:** 5-6 days (first pick) - 14 days (second pick)  
**Aging:** 12 months in 2nd-4th fill puncheons & hogsheads  
**Alcohol:** 13%  
**pH:** 3.42  
**Total Acidity:** 5.45 g/L  
**Total SO2:** 60 ppm  
**Total Production:** 183 cases  
**UPC:** 9350675000258

### About

A little bit of Loire and a little bit of the Vale—striking that balance between Chinon leafiness and McLaren Vale intensity is the key here. The 2022 vintage in McLaren Vale was quite moderate in many ways, with a relatively cool winter, which led to late bud burst and therefore later ripening windows. Summer and leading into the harvest period was also quite moderate, which led to even and slower ripening, making this a very classic and composed vintage. The vineyard is located on the crackling clays of Willunga and while the area is renowned for its Grenache, picking Cabernet Franc on the early side brought a gentle weight to the early picked grapes.

The grapes were picked in two waves, one early and herbaceous, one later for generosity, blended to make one complete wine. The first pick was in early March and the second the last week of March. The lots were destemmed and fermented separately in open top fermenters without additions and hand plunged twice daily. The first lot was pressed off after 5-6 days on skins while the second spent closer to two weeks. Both pressed lots were aged in old puncheons and hogsheads. After 12 months, the wine was racked to tank and bottled with gentle filtration and a small sulfur addition. No fining.

### Tasting Note

This Cab Franc keeps it fresh and drinkable with juicy dark berries, a hint of mocha, and a splash of green herbs. It's smooth and quaffable but built with care, and plenty of spice and structure to keep it interesting.