

N° 022 Blanc de Franc

VARIETAL	VINTAGE		VINEYARD	& APPELLATION
Cabernet Franc (100%)	2023		Arise Bench, Golden Mile	Certified Organic Bench
RS RESIDUAL SUGAR	TA TITRATABLE ACIDITY		pН	ALC
0.10 g/L	5.03 g/L		3.65	14%
FERMENTATION		BRIX AT HA	RVEST	
100% Stainless Steel		24°		
HARVEST DATE		BOTTLING	DATE	
September 19, 2023		March 28, 202	24	

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

A prolonged cold period over the winter resulted in significant bud damage throughout the region. While all varieties experienced some damage, Grüner Veltliner and Malbec were the most impacted. The vineyard team spent much of their time focusing on managing vigour and overall vineyard health to ensure that the vines were not overly stressed. Steadily warm and bright conditions through spring and summer brought about an early harvest. The vintage's low yields resulted in rich, powerful wines with remarkable concentration.

TASTING NOTES

To create a white wine from Cabernet Franc, select vineyards blocks were picked ahead of the main red wine harvest to preserve freshness. The complex nose layers bright notes of lime zest and grapefruit pith with flinty minerality and floral honeysuckle. The palate is savoury with herbal sagebrush, more bright citrus notes and plenty of texture with a slight salinity that lingers on the finish.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Ginger seasoned gyoza stuffed with shrimp, pork and shitake mushrooms; Middle Eastern style meze platter with labneh, hummus, tahini-grilled eggplant & fresh figs; grilled skin-on chicken thighs served with a summer cobb salad of egg, avocado, strawberries, bacon and gem lettuce with a citrus and cilantro dressing.