

## 2015 Cabernet Franc

#### **Technical Information**

Varietal: Cabernet Franc Harvest Dates: September 2015

Alc %: 14.5 pH: 3.56

Cooperage: 50% New Minnesota

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Aging: 22 Months in oak Appellation: Sonoma County

Filtered: Yes

Winemaker: David Scheidt

### Vintage Notes

Another solid year of sun, heat and consistent weather since 2012 makes for intense or elegant wines, depending upon your style. I tend to favor elegance and intensity with restraint. 2015 offered high-quality fruit across the region and I'm very happy with the result.

# Vineyard

A single location, Merlo Vineyard in Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County is the fruit source for this wine. The Merlo vineyard have been consistent producer of Bordeaux varietals for the Mastro Scheidt winery.

#### Winemaker Notes

In my continuous effort to capture curiosity in my own winemaking, the Cabernet Franc is sourced from a single vineyard from the Sonoma County region, specifically capturing terroir from the northern extreme of Dry Creek Valley. New world styling is how I decided to age the wine, exclusively in Minnesota oak, which is from colder forests than Kentucky. The style of the 2015 Sonoma County Cabernet Franc is classic American style with old world influencing. The fruit extraction is deeper, more intense; however the wine is not coarse or rustic, but rather complete and refined.



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