



Harvested; Bottled

9/14/13; 6/2/15

Appellation

Fair Play

Varietal(s)

Cabernet Franc

Brix at Harvest

25.5

Quantity

150 Cases

Alcohol

14.7%

Estate Reserve Cabernet Franc

2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Winemaker's Notes

Cabernet Franc is one of the major black grape varieties worldwide. It is principally grown for blending with Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in the Bordeaux style, but can also be vinified alone, as in the Loire's Chinon. Records of Cabernet Franc in Bordeaux go back to the end of the 18th century and the varietal is one of two parents of Cabernet Sauvignon—a cross between it and Sauvignon Blanc.

Cabernet Franc is lighter than Cabernet Sauvignon, making a bright red wine that contributes finesse and lends a peppery perfume to blends with more robust grapes. Additional aromas can include raspberry, blue berry, cassis, and violets.

The Cabernet Franc vine is vigorous and upright, with dark-green, five-lobed leaves. The winged bunches are elongated and small-medium in size. The berries are quite small and blue-black in color, with fairly thin skins.

The 2013 Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Franc is a dry smooth red wine and has soft acid to the pallet with a pleasant spice and slightly tannic finish. Aromas of toasted oak, cherry and a hint of blueberry awakens the nose. Bottle age this wine at least 6 months, however, longer aging is recommended, perhaps as long as ten years.

Food Recommendations: Grilled, Roasted, Baized Beef tenderloin, Lamb, Chicken, Salmon, Tuna, Olives, Mushrooms, Grilled foods, Meats with warm mild spices.

Charles B. Mitchell Vineyards

Charles B. Mitchell has been producing award-winning wines in the Sierra Foothills for over 20 years. In the early 2000s, he purchased the original UC Davis test plot and started to carefully tend our grapes to create some of the area's premier Zinfandels. After discovering the true potential of the region, Charles was instrumental in creating the thirty-three square miles known as Fair Play into an established American Viticultural Area.