



WINE:

2021 FIREBELLE ESTATE RED BLEND

PRODUCTION:

822 CASES

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:

62% MERLOT

21% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

17% CABERNET FRANC

SOIL PROFILE:

PLEASANTON LOAM

ALCOHOL:

14.7%

FRENCH OAK AGING:

20 MONTHS, 67% NEW

TASTING NOTES

Historically, our *Firebelle* Estate Red Blend has been a marriage of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. This vintage, we are excited to include Cabernet Franc, which brings the varietal's signature vibrant ruby color, bramble berry notes, and herbal freshness to the blend.

In the glass, one is first greeted by beautiful notes of crushed rose petals, morello cherries, and blackberries. The expansive bouquet builds with notes of white pepper, cedar, and mulled raspberries with beautiful, perfumed winter spices. The palate is just as compelling as the nose, with a dense, yet supple core matched by its weighted texture that glides across the palate; it lingers long after the final sip. Each of the varietals in the blend contribute to its allure. The wine is generous and complex, and the resonance of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, heightened by Cabernet Franc, creates a blend that is even greater than the sum of the parts.

REVIEWS & SCORES

"This attractive and sophisticated wine relies on a hearty portion of Merlot combined with the structure of Cabernet Sauvignon and aromatics of Cabernet Franc. Tobacco, toasted oak and roast coffee aromatics are greeted by flavors of black plum, sweet tobacco and dark chocolate, with a refreshing lift of fennel. Creamy, palate-coating tannins carry into a long finish for brooding and intriguing effect."

97 Points, Elaine Chukan Brown, *Wine Enthusiast*, April 2024

DRINKING WINDOW

The 2021 Firebelle Estate Red Blend is incredibly food friendly and very approachable upon release but can also be cellared for 10 or more years. If enjoying now, decant for an hour or two before serving.

DRINK NOW AND FOR THE

NEXT 5-10+ YEARS