

# BLUE ROCK

## 2018 Best Barrels Cabernet Franc Blue Rock Vineyard Estate, Alexander Valley



### Vineyard

Our 2018 Best Barrels Cabernet Franc showcases the varietal beautifully at a full 95% Cabernet Franc, rounded out by just a 3% splash of Merlot and a 2% addition of Cabernet Sauvignon, all from the best blocks at our Blue Rock Estate Vineyard in Alexander Valley.

### Winemaker's Tasting Notes

2018 was a stellar vintage that treated our older Cabernet Franc vines particularly well. A pristine medium-ruby color, the nose offers a beautiful example of Cab Franc's savory, earthy dried herbs, roasted red pepper and graphite on top of bright red fruits. The palate reveals a medium-full body that dances between all the spicy aromas and fresh strawberry and red raspberry, celebrating California's famous fruit all deftly held by lively acidity and gentle tannins. A gorgeous California example of true Cabernet Franc not found very often!

### Food Affinities

Cabernet Franc is a bit more versatile in its food pairing than its brooding cousin Cabernet Sauvignon. The combination of acidity and just the right amount of tannin allow a broad range of wonderful complements such as roast chicken, duck, sausage, grilled vegetables and even smoky barbecue or tomato-based red sauces.

### Ageability

This wonderfully balanced and distinctive red should enter its prime drinking window somewhere in late 2021, then cellar phenomenally well for another 15 years.

### Technical Data

95% Cabernet Franc  
- 03% Merlot, 02% Cabernet Sauvignon  
14.5% new French oak  
14.6% Alc.  
Cases Produced: 605  
Bottled: August 2020  
Released: April 2021

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**94** pts

\*2016 Vintage

The International  
**Wine Review**

**93** pts

\*2016 Vintage

