

# 2015 Rogue Valley Cabernet Franc

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**AVA:** Rogue Valley

**Alcohol:** 12.8%

**pH:** 3.5

**TA:** 6.8

**Cooperage:** 10 months  
French oak

**Production:** 200 cases

**Price:** \$25

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## WINE ENTHUSIAST

89 points

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"... flavors of pomegranate juice and black licorice arise, along with a definite green streak."

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SAM'S VALLEY VINEYARD is located just northeast of Gold Hill, Oregon. It was used to graze cattle and grow a variety of grasses; part of the 230 plus acres is still used for grass, hay and alfalfa.

The truly wonderful thing about this small valley is that very little had to be done to the soil to prepare it to grow the big red varieties that interested them. The Garvin family started in 2000, and grow over ten varieties.

The site is oriented to a south-western exposure at 1400 ft. elevation. The vineyard is known for its unique terroir of Medford loam with a strain of volcanic ash. The soil composite, in addition to a high heat index and lack of rain, allows them to create complex fruit with intense flavors and exceptional balance.

**For our second Cabernet Franc**, we were able to increase our allocation from Sam's Valley Vineyard to make this wine. We love these grapes!

We cold soaked the Franc for 3 days before fermentation began. We let the wine ferment using native yeast and with the richness and developed tannins in the stems and seeds, we decided to only use the free run juice (no pressed wine) to maintain the softness and easy drinking nature. After 10 months, we bottled it unfiltered and unfinned using minimal sulfur.

The style of Cab Franc I love is a bit in the middle—it is a bit richer than Loire style yet not as cloying as some new world approaches. Our Cab Franc has the classic herbaceous, bell pepper nose and just a hint of menthol. And by only using the free run juice, the tannins are soft and the wine is easy drinking.



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