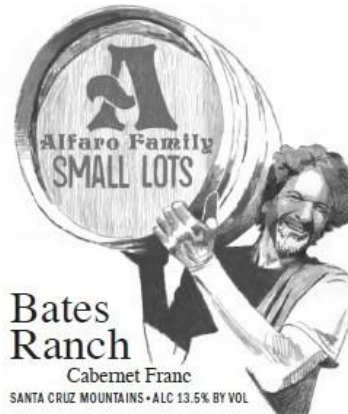


2018 “Bates Ranch” Cabernet Franc



The Vineyard:

Along the historic Redwood Retreat Road (Gilroy), settled near Mount Madonna in the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation, the Bates Family has been growing robust quality grapes for four generations. The area is generally nourished by warm days and cool nights, resulting in a preferred micro-climate for growing Cabernet Franc.

The Wine:

The grapes were harvested on October 19, 2018. This medium-bodied wine is dark ruby in color. Aromatic elements of tobacco up front lead to ripe raspberry and blueberry flavors on the palate; subtle notes of pepper, olives and violets give it a bright, spicy finish. This wine has rich texture with well-integrated tannins and acidity.

Cabernet Franc is known as the parent grape of both Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. It pairs well with tomato-based dishes, vinegar-based sauces like smoky BBQ, steaks, chops, chicken, Portobello mushrooms and green olives.

Technical Data:

Production	48 cases	Release Date	Spring 2022
Alcohol	13.3 % by vol.	Aging	12 months in French oak barrels (50% new)
Bottle Size	750 ml	Suggested Retail	\$45