

INAUGURAL RELEASE

100% CABERNET FRANC

BLOCK: IA :: CLONE: 214

ALLUVIAL, FLUVIAL SOILS WITH COBBLE

GENTLE SLOPE TO LEVEL

50 TO 200 FEET

WESTSIDE BENCH, EAST FACING

2018 VINTAGE

14.7% ALCOHOL :: 88 CASES

WINEMAKER: JULIEN FAYARD

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CABERNET FRANC

SLEEPING LADY VINEYARD

YOUNTVILLE DISTRICT, NAPA VALLEY

"For this inaugural release of our single-vineyard Cabernet Franc, we planted a small amount in the part of the Sleeping Lady vineyard that is more gravelly, on one of the fans just off the hillside slope, using Clone 214, which is a powerful clone, so it's a powerful wine. To be as true as possible to the Cab Franc varietal, you want to be a little on the early side of picking. This gives a wine that will have a little more acidity, a little more freshness to it.

It's exciting that we now have this interesting journey in front of us that adds to the story of wines from this site."

—Julien Fayard, WINEMAKER



DARK & LIVELY AROMATICS, FULLY RIPE WITH CONCENTRATED,

TEXTURED SPICES. VARIETAL FRESHNESS AND ACIDITY. A VIBRANT,

POWERFUL EXPRESSION WITH SAVORY TANNINS.

AGED IN 70% NEW FRENCH OAK FOR 20 MONTHS. 2018: A CLASSIC VINTAGE & A GENEROUS YEAR, WINE IS APPROACHABLE EARLY ON & WELL-BALANCED FOR FURTHER AGING.

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