

WILLOW VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC 2019

East side of Seneca Lake (Lodi)

Soils: sandy loam with shale

725ft elevation

Year Planted: 2016

Harvest Date: October 15

Spontaneous fermentation in wooden vat

Alcohol: 12.5%

Production: 152 cases

TASTING NOTES

blackberry, embers, lush

It may come as a surprise to find a Cabernet Franc in our offering for the 2019 vintage. The varietal, which thrives in “the lakes,” set us off on a new challenge to achieve site-expressiveness

through a different medium. As Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc ripen several weeks apart, we were able to ferment them comfortably one after the other. We were able to pick perfectly ripe grapes with lovely yellow stems. Adding 40% of whole clusters, just like top Loire Valley wines, therefore seemed an obvious choice.

