

Famille Vaillant 2018 Cabernet Breton

Notes from the producer:

This is a natural wine without additives. It is not filtered and does not have added sulfites.

More than 20 generations have farmed this land. The latest generation brought the development from 15HA in 1985 to 56HA today and is devoted to converting the vineyards into Organic and Bio-dynamic Agriculture.

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| WineWise Code | FFV-CBR18 |
| Country | France |
| Region | Loire |
| Subregion | Anjou |
| Color | Red |
| Alcohol by Volume | 13.5 |
| Acidity | 3.8 |
| Residual Sugar | 0.4 |
| Annual cases produced | 5500 cases |
| Varieties | 100% Cabernet Franc |
| Destemming | Complete |
| Fermentation vessel | Barrel |
| Fermentation duration | 4 days |
| Aging method | Used Barrique 100% |
| Aging duration (months) | 6 months |
| Filtered? | No |
| Fining agents | None |
| Yeast | Spontaneous |
| Malolactic | Yes |
| Added Sulfur | No |
| Soil Type(s) | Gravel, Calcareous |
| Elevation (meters) | 42 |
| Vineyard Aspect | Southwest |
| Vine age (years) | 60 |
| Vine Yields hl/ha | 35 |
| Farming practices | Certified Bio-dynamic |



WineWise Notes:

Named after the Bourgueil abbott who adopted the grape in the 18th century, this is a wonderfully expressive rendition of Cabernet Franc that packs an improbable intensity into its light frame. Equal parts animal (think blood), vegetable (floral scent) and mineral (think pulsating saltiness in the tail), this is a brilliant miniature that, in its quiet voice, says more than many a powerhouse roaring in a stentorian voice. This version is a little more unbuttoned than usual, as befits the generosity of the vintage.

This relatively large (55 hectares) domaine has unbroken family history going back to the 18th century. One of the first French producers to adopt bio-dynamic practices in the 1980's, it makes an impressive range of wines from several Anjou appellations. We have been especially impressed with their reds, which are made without additional sulfites, fining or filtration. DEMETER CERTIFIED.

