



## PIED DE CUVE CABERNET FRANC - 2016

### Technical info

Vineyard	Blind Creek Vineyard Cawston, Similkameen Valley, BC, Canada
Variety(ies)	Cabernet Franc
Alcohol	11.5%
Harvest Date	September 12, 2016
Production	60 cases
SKU	218743
UPC	6 26990 19169 8
Price	\$30.99 (+tax & deposit) (\$26.79 Whsl, \$30.99 Hosp)

### Tasting Notes

A juicy, medium bodied vibrant and lively Cabernet Franc molded more in the style of the Loire Valley than typical BC Cab Franc. Deliberately unfinned and unfiltered this wine is cloudy in the glass. It pops with crunchy, fresh mixed berries, savoury dried wild herbs, floral violet notes, earth, leather and spice and has a long, fresh juicy finish.

### Vintage & Production

The 2016 season was ideal for grape growing. It started early and looked like it would be too hot for top quality before a cool July slowed ripening and allowed a long growing season developing intense flavours and aromas. Harvest took place mid-September with the Cabernet Franc grapes harvested early to keep the wine fresh and lively. Harvest date is key for this wine as we want to get both fruit ripeness but also keep some of the dried wild herb notes that is a feature of Cabernet Franc from the Blind Creek Vineyard and gives this wine a fresh, savoury note. The grapes were foot trodden and left to ferment on the skins for a couple of weeks before gentle pressing. The wine was aged in a stainless steel tank for 12 months before bottling in October 2017.

### About Little Farm Winery

Little Farm Winery is the small hands-on operation of Rhys Pender MW and Alishan Driediger. It started with a passion for wine and developed into growing and producing Chardonnay and Riesling from their Mulberry Tree Vineyard at their home in Cawston, BC in the beautiful Similkameen Valley. A dry Rosé and Cabernet Franc from Blind Creek Vineyard were added later. The goal was always to make wines with minimal manipulation and intervention that really capture the vineyard site and each year's unique growing season. The vines were planted in 2009 on the calcium carbonate rich soil, braving the unforgiving Similkameen sun and wind. The first wines were made in 2011. Total production in 2016 was 1,000 cases. Little Farm Winery will never be big and will always focus on making small batches of single-vineyard wine that reflect each site's unique characteristics. The goal is to make interesting, characterful, natural-ish wines and look after our little farm.

Rhys Pender MW, Wine Grower

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