

BROC CELLARS | 2016 COUCOU CAB FRANC

VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Franc **VINEYARD:** Crown Point Vineyard

LOCATION: Happy Canyon, Santa Barbara - CA

ALCOHOL: 12%

TOTAL PRODUCTION: 135 cases

TASTING NOTES: Juicy Cranberries, Fresh Strawberries,

Swedish Fish candy

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Coucou, a French hello or greeting, was fitting for this wine. It surprisingly tasted ready to be bottled before 2017 even began. The grapes were brought in and placed whole cluster in 5-ton fermenters. Foot stomped in the morning, pumped over in the evening. Gently pressed into neutral French Oak barrels. Aged for 3 months.

VITICULTURAL AREA:

This is our first vintage of the COUCOU Cabernet Franc from Happy Canyon in Santa Barbara. We also make a longer barrel aged wine and sparkling pet nat from this vineyard. Located Northeast of Los Olivos, Happy Canyon is the warmest AVA in Santa Barbara. Despite the warm days there is a large diurnal shift at night to help keep the grapes natural acidity and freshness. Planted mostly on serpentine soils that are composed of loam/clay loam with varying amounts of chert. Elevation is between 500 to 1000 feet.

All our wines are made naturally, meaning no use of inoculated yeasts or bacteria. We use only native yeast to spark fermentation. We do not add any powdered tannins or enzymes. A minimal dose of S02 is added 4 weeks before bottling to some wines.

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