



Cabernet Franc 2012

Grapes & Vineyards.

100% *Cabernet Franc*, Hunt Country Vineyards and Green Acres Farm (Branchport, NY), managed by Hunt Country Vineyards

Winemaker. Jonathan Hunt

Assistant Winemaker. Brian Barry

Fermentation. 1-2 weeks with BDX yeast, partly in stainless steel tanks at 90°F, partly small batch in open containers

Oak aging. 18 months (French)

Alcohol. 12% by Vol.

Total Acidity. 6.3 g/L

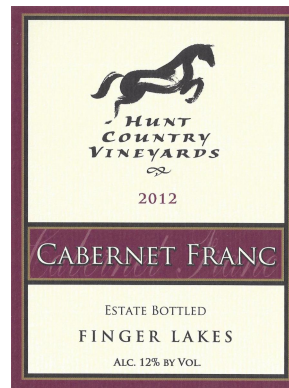
pH. 3.7

Residual Sugar. 0.3%

Bottled. July 22, 2014

Production. 377 cases
(estate-grown & -bottled)

Appellation. Finger Lakes



A little history from Art Hunt.

The Cabernet Franc grape was first established in southwest France in the 1600s. It was later bred with Sauvignon Blanc to produce Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet Franc itself is a relatively cold hardy variety which tolerates a fairly wide variety of soils and produces a wine with a bright pale red color, lively berry notes and occasionally a hint of spice.

We planted Cabernet Franc in the 1990s, and produced our first vintage in 1999. The plants grow very well in the glacially deposited soil and temperate climate of Keuka Lake, and now Cabernet Franc is one of the great signature wines of the Finger Lakes region.

Winemaker's notes by Jonathan Hunt.

The extremely warm summer of 2012 ripened our fruit beautifully, and led to an earlier than normal harvest. Our Cabernet Franc grapes were hand-picked in early October. We fermented part of the juice in stainless steel tanks and part in small batches in open containers. The resulting wine was aged in French oak barrels for a full 18 months give the wine a firm oak backbone and reduce acidity.

The finished wine has vibrant cherry notes and hints of pepper, making it a delicious companion to fine cuts of beef or lamb and creamy cheeses. A robustly oak-aged Cabernet Franc like this 2012 vintage can take a little time to reach its full potential. I would expect the balance to be very pleasant starting in late 2014, with peak drinking in the period 2015-2016. We hope you enjoy it!