

Winemakers Notes: 2013 Cabernet Franc Livermore Valley

<u>Description:</u> Cuda Ridge Wines is well known for the Cabernet Franc. The 2013 Cabernet Franc has aromas of raspberry, red licorice, and sage which carry over to the palate. It is soft and velvety on the palate with well balanced tannins. This wine has good tannin structure on the mid-palate and a nice acidity balance which provides a freshness on the finish. The mouth-feel is elegant and amazing.

Varietals: 92% White Cat Vineyard Cabernet Franc

7% One Oak Vineyard Merlot1% Galles Cabernet Sauvignon

<u>Vineyard Notes:</u> White Cat Vineyard is located in the Crane Ridge area located in Eastern side of Livermore off Greenville Road across from the Poppy Hill Golf Course. Crane Ridge is in the foothills with rolling hills which is sunny from morning until dusk and has moderate winds in the afternoon. White Cat Vineyard only has one acre of Cabernet Franc which is thinned to yield 3-4 ton per acre. This vineyard produces a lighter style of Cabernet Franc, which winemaker Larry Dino prefers, with red fruit, lightly floral, and spice. Cuda Ridge receives the full acre yield to produce this high quality Cabernet Franc.

Awards: Gold Medal – 2016 Tri-Valley Conservancy Wine Competition

Silver Medal – 2016 SF Chronicle Wine Competition

Cases Produced: 344

Barrel Treatment: Months in French Oak (86%) and Acacia (14%), with 35% in new oak.

Vital Statistics:

Al 15.9% Alcohol by Volume

TA .66 pH 3.83

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