

CANYON WIND

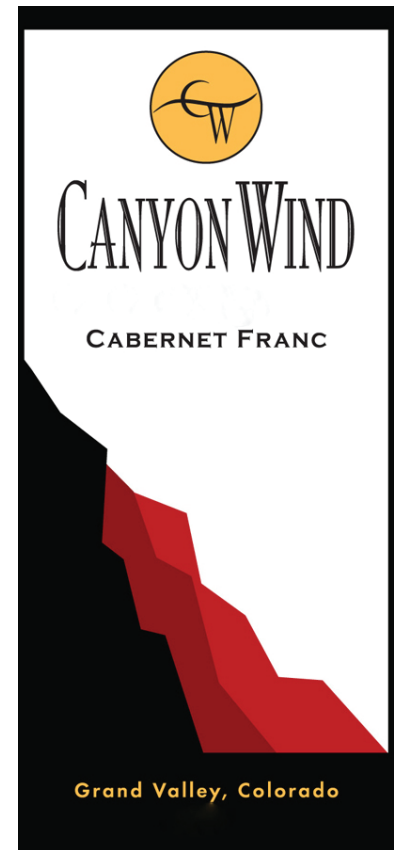
2012 CABERNET FRANC GRAND VALLEY AVA

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

One of the original grapes planted in the vineyard in 1991, Cabernet Franc was initially used as a blending grape added to our Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The decision was made in 2005 to let this grape shine on its own. This wine was created in our traditionally inspired low-intervention winemaking style. Post-fermentation, the wine was placed into a 10-month oak barrel program consisting of new, one and two-year old American and French oak.

An early spring and warm (but not too hot) summer resulted in the earliest harvest for us since our first crush in 1996. This nearly perfect weather for grape growing produced a fruity and balanced Cab Franc with aromas of blueberry, red currant, spearmint, and tobacco with a slightly herbaceous note. Flavors of raspberry, leather, cinnamon and nutmeg, a broad mouth-feel and youthful tannins make the long awaited return of Cab Franc, well worth it.

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WINE PROFILE

VARIETAL BLEND:
100% CABERNET FRANC
VINTAGE:
2012
APPELLATION:
GRAND VALLEY AVA
TERROIR:
100% RIVERSIDE VINEYARD

TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL:
14.9%
WINE ACIDITY:
6.1 g/l
WINE pH:
3.66
HARVEST DATE:
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
BOTTLING DATE:
JULY 31, 2013
CASES PRODUCED:
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