



PYREN VINEYARD

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Pyren Vineyard Earthscape Franc 2018

Winemaker: Leighton Joy / Brock Alford

Grape: Cabernet Franc

GI: Pyrenees

Site: Estate vineyard

Vintage notes: Considered one of the great modern vintages of the Pyrenees, a warm and dry year that offered great yield and quality to those who managed water effectively.

Vineyard notes: Pyren's estate vineyard is farmed organically (uncertified). Red/brown clay loam feature across the property, with the most elevated vines growing in shallow soils over sandstone and schist formations. Alluvial clay silt is evident at lower elevation, albeit with consistent quartz stone laced throughout. Pyren is planted exclusively in an E/W orientation, providing invaluable shade to both fruit and earth in the warmest part of the day. The cab franc lanted in two zones of .9 hectares and 1.5 hectares.

Winemaking: Hand-picked on the 22nd and 29th of March and fermented with native yeast. A combination of whole bunch and whole berry ferment—50% whole bunch carbonic maceration for 21 days and 50% whole berry open fermentation. Once pressed and allowed to settle in tank, the wine is aged in old French 300L hogsheads for 5 months.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 12.8%

LEGEND tasting notes: A cabernet franc with everything: body, structure, freshness, and the grape's classic savory notes. The aromas are a mix of ripe red and blue fruits of mulberry, red currant, and lilly pilly (a native tart berry), as well as grilled red pepper, lavender, and river mint. The palate provides a lushness of fruit that is tempered by its consistent brightness and structure.

Label Design: The Earthscape label is named according to the lie of the land on which Pyren is planted, from the soil structure in its quartz laden mass, to the rolling valleys, and skyward facing peaks.

Production size: 161 dozen