

BARBOURSVILLE VINEYARDS CABERNET FRANC RESERVE



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Vines originating from the Loire valley, Pomerol, and St. Emilion. Barboursville Vineyards is situated on the broad, rolling plateau and foothills of the Southwest Mountains in the Virginia Piedmont, (In physical geography, piedmont, derived from "foot of the mount" in Latin languages, means a region of foothills of a mountain range) running parallel with the Blue Ridge to the west. Founded in 1976 by Gianni Zonin, where he had planted from scratch the first vineyards in Virginia in modern times, dedicated to the cultivation of European wine grapes, the 900 acre vineyard, of which 162 are in vine, occupies soils of varying mixes of red clay, generated from deterioration of volcanic soil from the Blue Ridge Mountains, and alluvial calcareous deposits and with sloping exposures of even greater variety. In the temperate mid-Atlantic weather of the region, the estate presents a dynamic mosaic of growing conditions.

Barboursville Vineyards is Virginia's first wine estate to be dedicated to growing European, vitis vinifera wine varieties in Virginia. Planted in 1976, the vineyard was founded and continues to be owned by Gianni Zonin from Gambellara, Italy, who is a 7th-generation winegrower and whose family's enterprise, Casa Vinicola Zonin, has been in viticulture since 1821. Barboursville is Zonin's sole winemaking endeavor outside of Italy. The property is the core of an extensive 18th Century Virginia plantation. Luca Paschina, Winemaker-General Manager since 1990, is a holder of a degree in oenology from Instituto Umberto in Alba. Paschina oversees day-to-day vineyard operations with viticulturist Fernando Franco, who has been at Barboursville since 1998. Their taste, bred of centuries of European custom, is for wine of great companionability with food, of elegant expression throughout a meal and, ideally, of longevity in the cellar, with harmonious balance. In Barboursville they explore the deeper story of what terroir, together with traditional winemaking techniques, reveal as unexpected or rarely expressed dimensions in several internationally esteemed wine varieties. All continue to unfold with ever-greater distinction.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:



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