

2020

## DIVISION CABERNET FRANC "GRANIT"

Let a Loire Valley clone transport you.

BOX SCORE			
VARIETY	CABERNET FRANC 100%	ALC	13.6%
APPELLATION	APPLEGATE VALLEY AVA	PH	3.79
VINEYARD	MAE'S VINEYARD	PRODUCTION	72 CASES
AGEING	8 MONTHS NEUTRAL FRENCH BORDEAUX BARRELS		
SOIL SERIES	OREGON PINK GRANITE AND LOAM		



### VINTAGE RECAP

The 2020 vintage created some unique challenges for the entire West Coast, most notably the wildfires that plagued parts of Oregon and California. Thankfully, our vineyards in Southern Oregon's Applegate Valley were mostly spared from the fires and experienced mostly only high-level haze. However, poor yields across these regions were the norm in 2020 due to poor fruit set during the flowering in June. The resultant small fruit crop had extremely high quality, but we, unfortunately, were 30% off average yields, so our wine production was down considerably for 2020.

### WINEMAKING + FERMENTATION

The Cabernet Franc from Mae's Vineyard was mostly destemmed, and we utilized a pied de cuve buildup from the native flora from the vineyard. The ferment went smoothly, but skin maceration time was reduced due to the unknowns of smoke impact from the vineyard. Ageing in older 225L Bordeaux Barrels from French Oak was completed in 8 months, a few months shorter than usual to keep more fruity characters in the wine.

### TASTING NOTES

The pink granite soils on Mae's Vineyard are a unique feature of the Applegate region in Southern Oregon that perfectly amplify the Chinon clone Cabernet Franc we have been making since 2013. We truly adore the wines we make from this site, and while 2020 was our most challenging vintage ever — beyond the trials and tribulations of the pandemic, our northern Oregon vineyards faced terrible wildfires — the 2020 Granit features the hallmark peppery and dark mineral Cabernet Franc character, with tobacco leaf and black currant notes. The wine is truly singular and unique. We hope that everyone sees the silver lining of this time capsule from 2020. Drink now or cellar for a handful of years.