

ACORN

2010 Cabernet Franc

Alegría Vineyards, Russian River Valley

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blended wines. Our food-friendly wines fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

To honor the land and maintain it for future generations, our farming is sustainable and labor-intensive. Inter-planting different varieties to be harvested together requires individualized attention to each vine. Hand tending, ten or more times a season, ensures a balanced crop and flavorful wines that are distinctive expressions of each vintage.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

Vineyard and Winemaking Notes

This delicious wine—a field blend of Cabernet Franc with Petit Verdot and Merlot—comes from vines we planted at Alegría Vineyards in 1991.

In our very cool microclimate, the fog rolls up the Russian River Valley from the Pacific and lingers until late morning. The vines often see only half a day of sunshine.

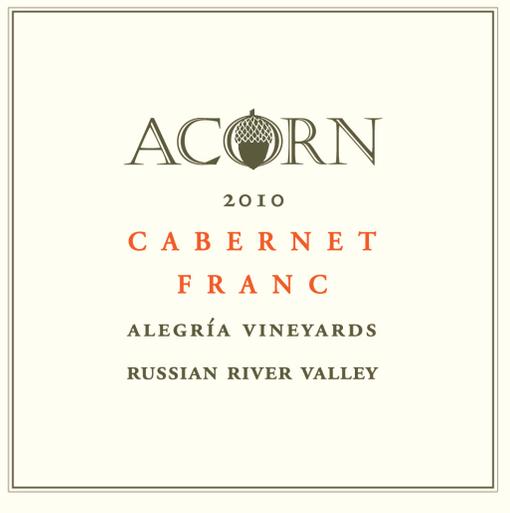
With the very long growing season, the grapes developed elegant aromas and flavors, concentrated by the low yield of only 2.3 tons per acre. Extensive hand-sorting in the vineyard as we picked, and again at the winery before crushing, assured that we fermented only the highest quality grapes.

To bring out fruitiness, we co-fermented the three varieties using native and Brunello yeast. After pressing, the wine was moved to a combination of oak barrels carefully selected by Bill to enhance the varietal aromas and flavors. Two years of bottle aging before release has further integrated and softened the wine.

Tasting Notes

Rich aromatics of inviting berry and sweet cedar mingle with hints of mocha and vanillin oak. The complex palate of flavors offers ripe cassis and spicy mixed berries layered with subtle forest floor, chocolate notes, and a touch of orange essence in the finish. Well integrated with a solid structure, this wine showcases the elegant side of Cabernet Franc.

Pair with pork tenderloin stuffed with mushrooms and spinach, a hearty vegetable stew, or a deliciously rich piece of chocolate cake at the end of the meal.



Composition

A single-vineyard field blend of 96% Cabernet Franc with 2% Merlot and 2% Petit Verdot.

Vintage	2010
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard	
Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	October 21, 2010
Brix	23.2° Brix
Barrel Aging	16 months
Type of Oak	81% French [29% new] 19% American [14% new]
Bottled	April 18, 2012
Case Production	492
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.62
T.A.	6.6g/L
Release Date	Fall 2013

