



## ENDHARDT 'BLANC DE FRANC' 2023

Endhardt Vineyards produces boutique, estate-focused wines shaped by the unique microclimates of the Middleburg AVA. Blanc de Cab Franc hails entirely from Endhardt's vineyards, a rare white Cabernet Franc born unexpectedly from a pale pressing that revealed remarkable aromatics and purity - now a signature expression of the estate.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 season offered moderate early rainfall followed by a warm, dry stretch through harvest. These conditions supported even ripening and clean acidity, ideal for producing a white Cabernet Franc. The cooler Lower Block added delicate aromatics, while the Upper Block contributed concentration and subtle herbal notes to this unique white wine.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Cabernet Franc was pressed gently with no skin contact to maintain a pale hue. Fermented two weeks in temperature-controlled stainless steel, the wine rested six months in tank to retain freshness before bottling. No malolactic fermentation.

### TASTING NOTES

Originally intended as a rosé, the pale juice revealed remarkable aromatics and was bottled as a white wine. Orchard fruit and berry notes lead into a herbaceous, pepper-tinged finish. Awarded **Silver** at the **2022 Loudoun Wine Awards**, Blanc de Cab Franc is now one of Endhardt's most distinctive offerings.

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| <b>APPELLATION</b>              | Middleburg AVA, Loudoun County, Virginia                                  |
| <b>VINEYARDS</b>                | Endhardt Estate Vineyard                                                  |
| <b>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</b>     | 100% Cabernet Franc                                                       |
| <b>FERMENTATION &amp; AGING</b> | Direct-Press, No Malolactic Fermentation<br>Stainless Steel Aged 6 months |
| <b>ALCOHOL</b>                  | 12.9%                                                                     |
| <b>PH</b>                       | 3.65                                                                      |
| <b>TOTAL ACIDITY</b>            | 5.35 g/L                                                                  |
| <b>RESIDUAL SUGAR</b>           | Dry                                                                       |



### ENDHARDT VINEYARDS

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