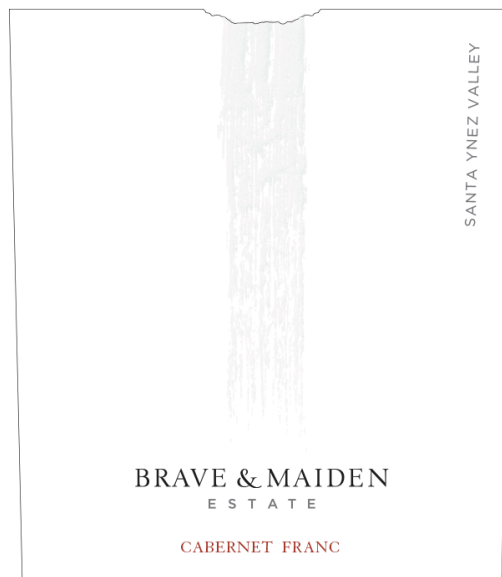


# BRAVE & MAIDEN

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## 2013 CABERNET FRANC

An intense, deep red in the glass this wine exudes toasted oak, plum, charred serrano, and violet. Rich, ripe, dark fruits are woven with cedar, drawing to a finish highlighted by spiced cherry, cocoa, and earth.



### VITICULTURE

<i>AVA</i>	Santa Ynez Valley
<i>Year Planted</i>	1997
<i>Rootstock</i>	420A
<i>Clone(s)</i>	332
<i>Harvest Date</i>	18 October
<i>Vintage Notes</i>	2013 was a very dry year due to low rainfall. We saw early bud-break throughout the vineyard while the usual marine layer, generally present through the growing season, was mostly absent. The warm season accelerated the ripening of all varieties, but made for a bountiful, well-ripened harvest.

### WINEMAKING

<i>Blend</i>	90% Cabernet Franc, 6% Syrah, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Description</i>	De-stemmed and hand-sorted whole berries to 2-4 ton fermenters, fermented for 14 days and extended maceration for 3 weeks. Barreled down to 100% French oak, 60% new and aged for 19 months.
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.9%
<i>pH</i>	3.59
<i>Total Acid</i>	5.56 g/L
<i>Residual Sugar</i>	none
<i>Bottle Date</i>	25 May 2015

### RELEASE

<i>Cases</i>	104
<i>Release Date</i>	Autumn 2015
<i>SRP</i>	\$45