

# TASTE LEARN ENJOY



## Bowers Harbor Vineyards

Old Mission Peninsula, Michigan

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### Claret Wind Whistle

#### The Wine

Looking for a beautifully-balanced, oak-aged red wine, reminiscent of English manor houses and fine dinners? Look no further than our Claret from the Wind Whistle Vineyard. This blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, lovingly aged in toasted French oak barrels, proves that fine red wine can indeed come out of Northern Michigan. Our preference for French over American oak translates into a wine that is more "Old World" in character; a bit more subtle and understated, with a beautiful ability to age for 5-7 years.

#### The Grapes

Our Claret is a blend of 50% Cabernet Franc and 50% Merlot grown in the Wind Whistle Vineyard. Wind Whistle Vineyard is situated less than a mile from Lake Michigan and boasts sandy soil and all-day sun exposure. In addition to growing in the ideal location, these vines are meticulously manicured, hand hedged, leaf picked and hand harvested.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The term "claret" dates back to 12th-century England, when the British began to regularly import Bordeaux wines that were pale (or "clear") in color.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietal: Cabernet Franc, Merlot  
Vintage: 2017  
Appellation: Leelanau Peninsula

Case Production: 298  
pH/Residual Sugar: 0%  
ABV: 13%

## TASTING NOTES

These sun-ripened grapes produce flavors of black cherries and red raspberries.

By aging our Claret in French oak barrels, we enhance the natural spices of cinnamon and black pepper, creating balance and complexity.

### How to taste:

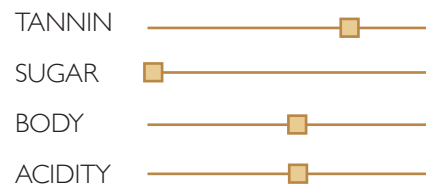
- 1 Look at the appearance:



- 2 Identify aromas and flavors



- 3 Determine the profile



- 4 What to Pair It With!

Grilled steak and vegetables; Venison meatloaf

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