

La Noblesse

## La Noblesse Loire Valley Cabernet Franc 2020

**Grape Variety:** Cabernet Franc  
**Region:** Loire Valley  
**Winemaker:** Antoine Schurr  
**Closure:** Screwcap  
**Alcohol:** 12.5%



**Summary:** La Noblesse (the noble ones) is a homage to the legacy of the nobility in France and what could be more regal than the Loire? Famed for its opulent châteaux, it was literally the seat of kings as the French nobility employed the finest architects to create a renaissance wonderland. The Loire remains one of France's most diverse and exciting regions for wine and captivates with its terroir-driven wines

**Winemaking:** Totally de-stemmed before a long, cool maceration. Maturation is primarily in stainless steel with roughly one third undergoing carbonic maceration, aiding aromatics and fruit expression. A further third receives six month maturation in French oak for greater complexity.

**2020 Vintage:** Following a string of successful vintages in the Loire, 2020 was just as fortuitous. Luckily frost was avoided in the early part of the flowering season and September's rains were well timed and well needed with a positive effect on all red grapes. Across the region, reds show a typical 'Loire Valley' style – supple, light and smooth with crisp scents of fresh fruit, and are a perfect complement to 2018's rather more age-worthy wines.

**Tasting Note:** Cabernet Franc is one of the historical varieties of the Loire Valley (along with Gamay) and is traditionally used to structure other wine varieties (particularly in Bordeaux) and bring more freshness into it. Our Cabernet Franc is surprisingly deep in colour yet still bright and clear. The nose is delicate with red ripe berries underpinned by some sweet pepper nuances so typical of Cabernet Franc. Very fresh in the mouth with an elegant fruit profile and soft tannins that add elegance and structure. Pair with a piece of barbecued fish with salsa verde.