

The 2010 Cabernet Franc Reserve actually has 10% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Petite Sirah blended in. It was aged for 18 months in a 50/50 mixture of French and American oak (half-new, half two-years-old). It comes in at 13.8% alcohol. Like its sibling, the Grande Reserve reviewed this issue; this was sourced from a single vineyard at 790 meters above sea level. Showing fine grip on the finish, this mingles a touch of herbs with oak and finishes with some pop and power. Nicely structured and elegantly put together, its focused demeanor makes it a wine with finesse and persistence. I would add that it steadily grew on me, got better with 90 minutes of air and always remained gripping. It is drinking beautifully and should hold reasonably well. - Mark Squires, Robert Parker - March 2016

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