



2014 mbf Charbono

The foundation of my limited production mbf (man's best friend) wines is always a strong relationship; a vineyard owner, a handshake agreement and my desire to craft an excellent wine from his or her grapes—Brenda Lynch

2014 mbf Charbono, Frediani Vineyards Calistoga—Napa Valley

A rare breed indeed! Charbono is a very rare and often misidentified grape. Known in France as *Corbeau de Savoie* or *Douce Noir* (it's rarely grown in France these days) and as *Bonarda* in Argentina, California Charbono is planted on less than 100 acres of land. Luckily for Mutt Lynch, it thrives near our home in Calistoga, Napa Valley.

Charbono—whether you've been a cult follower or, are just discovering this unique varietal, you're sure to love the 2014 vintage of this special wine.

Frediani Vineyards, Calistoga

Our grapes are from the Frediani Family Vineyards on the edge of the Silverado Trail and vines dating back to 1938. It's a historic locale for California Charbono. Fruit from the Frediani old vines is considered to be some of the most sought after on the planet.

The age of the Frediani vines definitely shows through in the complex and nuanced character of our 2014 mbf Charbono. It's a pedigree we're delighted to be able to showcase!

Brenda's Winemaking

For the 2014 vintage of our Mutt Lynch "mbf" Charbono, Brenda has aged the wine for 18 months in 100% French oak. Brenda's approach --nothing but gentle handling to showcase the deep, dark fruit character of this rare grape. Fermentation took place in an open top tank, with 3 times per day punch-downs.

Fruit this outstanding equals minimal intervention in the winemaking.

Tasting Notes

I've come to really love this varietal and nothing in our 2014 mbf (Man's Best Friend) expression changes my take away. As mentioned above, Charbono is also known as *Douce Noir* or "Sweet Black"—that's a pretty good descriptor. Inky purple in color, the wine opens to aromas of black fruit and plum. The flavor profile is one of lovely notes of plum, leather and tar. It's medium-bodied with a lovely medium finish. The tannins are moderate, but this wine definitely shows potential for aging.

Our suggested food pairing--creamy pasta with sausage and mushroom. Rustic and romantic!



Information

Vintage:	2014
Appellation:	Calistoga
Alcohol:	14.0%
Produced:	110 Cases
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