



2012 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

2012 mbf Charbono, Frediani Vineyards Calistoga—Napa Valley

A rare breed indeed! Charbono is a very rare and often misidentified grape. Both known in France as Corbeau de Savoie (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 our second mbf vintage of this special wine.

2012 Vintage
Bronze Medal - Orange County Fair

Frediani Vineyards, Calistoga

Our grapes are from Jeanne Frediani's vineyard 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 mellow character of our 2012 mbf Charbono. It's a pedigree we're delighted to be able to showcase!

Brenda's Winemaking

In this, her second vintage of 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

Rustic and romantic as if mimicking Jane Eyre's description of walking through the briars at dusk, our 2012 mbf Charbono will sweep you away. Dark, almost inky in color, the wine opens with aromas of black cherries, plums, and earthy mushrooms. The flavor palette is one of dark fruits complimented by notes of wood and smoke. This is a well-balanced wine with nice acidity, medium body and smooth, silky tannins.

Our suggested food pairing—a hearty stew or pappardelle.

What's that? I think I hear Mr. Rochester and his dog "Pilot" coming forthwith!



Information

Vintage:	2012
Appellation:	Calistoga
Alcohol:	14.5%
Produced:	110 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 94515 4



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