

# *Barons*

## 2021 Rosé of Cabernet Franc

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**Vintage Notes:** 2021 was a warm growing season in Washington marked by a record shattering heat event in late June and, in some cases, historically low yields at harvest. The true hallmark of the year, however, came at the end of June, when a heat dome descended upon the west coast. It shattered all previous temperature records in every location. Areas of the Columbia Valley saw four straight days with temperatures as high as 118 degrees Fahrenheit. While most growers felt that their vineyards fared the extreme heat well, the heat did occur during cell division. This, combined with other factors, led to a significant reduction in berry size and cluster size. Most varieties were impacted, but Cabernet Sauvignon was in particular, down in some cases 30+% from expected tonnages. The rest of the growing season continued to be warm, and 2021 is considered to be either the second warmest vintage on record behind 2015 or the warmest. However, those two years accumulated their heat very differently.

**Tasting:** The 2021 Rosé of Cabernet Franc is Barons' first ever rosé we have produced. This limited release rosé has aromas of rose petal, cherry blossom, and hibiscus. The mouthfeel is bone dry with hints of cherry, white peach, and citrus fruits. It has a crisp acidity that coats your palette and leads to a long finish.



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**Vintage:** 2021

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**Vineyard:** Lodmell

**Composition:**  
100% Cabernet Franc

**Production:** 100 cases

**Winemaking:**  
100% Stainless Steel

**Release:** April 2022

**Aging:** 3-5 years

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