



BALISTRERI WINE CLUB



**April 2009
Wine of the Month**

**2006 Colorado Cabernet Franc \$28
(Whitewater Hill Vineyard)**

In many of the major grape growing regions around the world, Cabernet Franc is commonly used as a blending grape. It adds depth and character to other varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, but when it stands alone Cab Franc can be quite powerful, particularly Colorado grown Franc.

True to most Balistreri wines this 2006 is 100% varietal. This is the second release of our 2006 (Whitewater Hill Vineyard) Cab Franc, it has another twelve months of barrel aging compared to its' predecessor. The first release was only aged for 12 months in oak and received numerous awards and sold out very quickly. Although this new release is still very young we are pleased with how it is maturing. The color is a deep garnet and the fresh mineral aromas make your mouth water. Then, layers of concentrated plum flavors dance about the palate, first tart green followed by ripe blue plums. The long lingering finish is dominated by satisfying, bold, tannins that make this wine a great candidate for cellaring.

This Cab Franc is a perfect pairing for hearty spring meals, accented by the first things that pop up in the garden like spinach and Swiss chard. It's also delicious with aged cheese. Enjoy!

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