



2011 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

2011 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 mbf debut vintage.

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 2011 mbf Charbono. It's a pedigree we're delighted to be able to showcase!

Brenda's Winemaking

In this, her debut vintage of Charbono, Brenda has aged the wine for 18 months in 100% French oak. Gentle handling reigned supreme to compliment 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

Ruby to dark red in color with some opacity at the rim, there are "brambly" aromas and notes of ripened berry fruit. We believe this wine has a nuanced complexity not always associated with the varietal. It has a flavor profile that includes black currant, smoke, cherries and blackberries. On the palate it's medium-bodied with nice acidity.

Though evident, the tannins are soft and subtle adding to the wine's distinction.

Our Charbono pairs well with steak or a hearty vegetable ragout.



Information

Vintage:	2011
Appellation:	Calistoga
Alcohol:	14.5%
Produced:	147 Cases
UPC:	8 50432 94515 4

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