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# PUNT ROAD AIRLIE BANK CABERNET FRANC 2016

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## Wine Introduction

Meet Franc! 100% whole bunch Cabernet Franc blended and bottled in its youth to capture its juvenile vibrancy. This is not a polished wine, this is a rustic wine made in big, old oak, not fined or filtered.

## Tasting Notes

First contact is a wall of tannin that surrenders to a sweet kernel of explosive gooey fruit at the centre. Juicy and seductive. Fernet branca, earth, and fruit of the bramble. Tonic, red liquorice and clove. We call this smashability with interest. Perfect with blood sausage croquettes with figs, Calabrese pizza, and pine mushroom risotto.

## Winemaker Vintage Notes

Near perfect conditions in 2016 with a cool January and warm spells in February and March allowed for gradual maturation, great acid retention, and good crop with even ripeness. Phenolic maturity (brown seeds/stems) was spot on, and we took the opportunity to experiment with skin contact on whites and more whole bunch use in reds. While it wasn't the easiest year, it was certainly the most exciting, and wines from this vintage are showing great vitality and aging potential.

## Wine Information

<b>Country:</b>	Australia
<b>Region:</b>	Yarra Valley
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Tim Shand
<b>Grape:</b>	100% Cabernet Franc
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.0%
<b>Closure:</b>	Screwcap
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Case Size:</b>	6 Bottles per pack