

2017 Smith Story Wine Cellars  
Cabernet Franc, Sonoma County

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**Vineyard Location and Winemaking:**

**Vineyards:** Pine Mountain, Russian River, Chalk Hill

**Elevation:** 2400' and 1100'

**Oak:** All Used 80% Bordeaux and 20% Burgundy for 21 months

**Harvest Date:**

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Hand Picked, Hand sorted, destemmed.

**Tech:**

375 Cases / Alc 13.5% / pH: 3.56 / TA: 6.9

**Winemaker Notes:**

This three vineyard blend picked all in the same week of September 25th, two of which are coming from high elevation sites. Pine Mountain (2400'), a ridge top above Russian River (1100') and then balanced out by a Chalk Hill site. All components hand sorted, de-stemmed, fermented separately in open top stainless then aged in used French barrels (80%Bordeaux, 20% Burgundy) for 21 months. Unfined and unfiltered.

2017 was a steady growing season which provided optimal fruit ripeness and balance. There was a late heat spike which gave a bit of darker core to the wine. Still made in more of a Loire Valley style the mountain top vineyards added a bit more of a brambly character along with some added structure. A Smith Story Fan Favorite again!

**\$48 SRP**

