

2012 Kontokosta Winery Cabernet Franc

The 2012 Cabernet Franc is all Cab Franc, aged for 12 months in new Hungarian oak. It comes in at 13% alcohol. Fairly bright, but showing no real concentration in the mid-palate, this does much better on structure than on fruit. It has some classic Cab Franc nuances, a bit of a vegetal side, some broccoli and spinach nuances. The good freshness and structure will preserve this, but I doubt that the mid-palate will allow it to reward long aging, so don't hesitate to dive in on the younger side.

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2013 Kontokosta Winery Sauvignon Blanc

The 2013 Sauvignon Blanc is an unoaked monovarietal that comes in at 13.5% alcohol. Modestly aromatic, it is very controlled and relatively fruity version of Sauvignon Blanc. If you don't insist on getting hit over the head by the green nuances, or, indeed, if you prefer to skip the whole thing, you'll like this. Lacking a little concentration, but showing some tang and zest on the finish, it ultimately drinks very well, tastes great and should be a popular choice this summer. Drink it young for best results.

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2013 Kontokosta Winery Viognier

The 2013 Viognier is unoaked and comes in at 13.5% alcohol. Lush and caressing in texture, this elegant Viognier has a great mouthfeel, fine flavor and a tasty finish. It isn't the biggest, deepest or most intense Viognier you'll find, but it is graceful and easy to drink in the short-term. It is also a bit distinctive, with a darker, somewhat more burnished feel than most. Drink it young for best results, no matter how long it theoretically lasts.

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