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## ross estate pinnacle series cabernet franc 2009

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I remember trying this out of barrel when I visited Orange last year and I remember it was looking pretty smart then, but what a difference a few months make, as this is now complete. It's more rounded, more attractive, like a supermodel that's gladly filled out offering a few more curves rather than just a skeletal frame.

The nose is captivating, not only because it's so perfumed but because you rarely see a straight Cabernet Franc and the combination of grape and the region of Orange is a dynamic combination.

It reeks of femininity, violets and dried spices as well as cassis and licorice. It's obviously from the Cabernet family but it's much more intriguing. There's glossy generosity on the palate before bold black fruits and an expansive spicy core. I also like an aspect of chalky minerality that pokes through after opening up in the glass. The oak is nicely integrated, the tannin weight spot on and it finishes with stupidly good persistence. Well worth seeking out as it's not only one of the few straight Cabernet Francs, I imagine it's also a fantastic food wine.

Region: Orange

Alcohol: 14.5%

Price: \$40.00

Source: Sample