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Seattle-based Click Wine Group has introduced the 2000 Fat Bastard Grand Réserve, a mix of 88 percent Shiraz and 12 percent Mourvedre that is designed to be an upscale version of the original varietal wines.

"With the introduction of the 2000 Grand Réserve, we're really showing people that Fat Bastard is very serious about quality, even though the Fat Bastard name itself is meant to be anything but serious," says winemaker Thierry Boudinaud.

Boudinaud, along with winemaker Guy Anderson, wanted to make a higher-end wine under the Fat Bastard label for years. The exceptional 2000 vintage, which used grapes sourced from the villages in France's Minervois region, gave him that opportunity.

The Grand Réserve has juicy flavors laced with spice, according to the company. The 2000 Fat Bastard Grand Réserve has 13.5-percent alcohol-by-volume and retails for \$19.99 a 750-ml. bottle.



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