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2014 Meritage

Vintage

2014 was a rare growing year in Virginia - it was neither too hot nor too cold, neither too rainy nor too dry. This coincided with our main vineyard block finally coming of age! The resulting wines effortlessly expressed a purity of fruit with the strength and clarity of young vines.

Vineyard

The 2014 Meritage is all Estate fruit and is the first blend to showcase 100% Stinson Farms fruit. Vines are cane pruned and close spaced on the mineral rich red clay loam that is a signature of this part of Virginia.

Winemaker's Notes

Our heaviest Merlot blend to date exudes fresh red fruit flavors of plum, currant, and fig. Earthy tea leaf and savory black olive linger on the palate. Bright acidity and fine-grained tannins lend structure and balance. This is a wine that drinks well in its youth and will only benefit from bottle age.

Harvest Dates: October 9 - October 29, 2014

Technical Notes

Varietal Content: 56% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 12% Petit Verdot
AVA: Monticello
Aged 18 months in French oak, 35% new
End pH: 3.78
Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: June 22, 2016
Case Production: 400
Release Date: December 2016
Bottle Price: \$31.99



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Awards

Gold, 2018 International Eastern Wine Competition

Gold, 2017 San Francisco International Wine Competition

Silver, 2018 TEXSOM International Wine Awards

Silver, 2017 International Women's Wine Competition

Silver, 2017 Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition

Ratings

91 Points – Mike Potashnik, International Wine Review

90 Points – Wine & Spirits Magazine, Year's Best US Cabernet & Blends

90 Points – Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com

89 Points – Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

89 Points – Carrie Dykes, Wine Enthusiast Magazine

Reviews

"This is an elegant and refined estate-bottled Meritage . . . It displays dark red fruit flavors with a silky attack and mouth feel. On the mid-palate it reveals good acidity with concentrated flavors, firm round tannins, and a persistent finish. Well done." - Mike Potashnik, International Wine Review

"It balances exotic savory elements against a darkly assertive core of fruit. Its notes of dried spice, cured meat and black plums feel supple, supported by suave tannins with just enough grip.." - Wine & Spirits Magazine

"A solid wine with a ripe, redcurrant nose, a medium to full body, then full, ripe tannins and a long, harmonious finish." - Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com

"It definitely needs food – it is not a sweet, fruity little thing. This is nicely done. It should be able to age about ten years from vintage date, too, maybe more." – Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The nose of this wine is bursting with raspberry, cranberry jam, violets and geranium. These notes carry to the palate, effortlessly melding together with a faint hint of tar. Soft cedar and nutmeg from 18 months in French oak offer complexity and a full structure. A smooth texture and well-integrated tannins make for a long and complex finish." – Carrie Dykes, Wine Enthusiast Magazine