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## 2013 Tannat

### *Vintage*

2013 was an incredibly rainy growing season in Virginia. A few key weeks of sunny weather and perfect temperatures during harvest allowed sun-starved vines to ripen up quickly. The Tannat was picked the first week of October during an extended sunny period and proved to be a hardy varietal – thick skins and high acid levels make it an ideal grape for wet, unpredictable harvest years.

### *Vineyard*

The 2013 Tannat comes to us from Mount Juliet Vineyards, directly across from Stinson in White Hall, Virginia. This sweeping 50+ acre vineyard was planted in the late '90s and expresses older vine Virginia terroir. The Merlot grapes are part of our very first estate fruit and contribute the purity and exuberance of young vines to the blend.

### *Winemaker's Notes*

A rich wine with vibrant, lively tannins. Florals and blueberries on the nose give way to toasty cedar and spicy white pepper.

*Harvest Dates:* September 21, 2013 (Merlot), October 3, 2013 (Tannat)

### *Technical Notes*

Varietal Content: 88% Tannat, 12% Merlot  
AVA: Monticello  
Aged 22 months in French Oak, 50% new  
End pH: 3.75  
Alcohol: 12.5%

Bottled: August 22, 2015  
Case Production: 100  
Release Date: September 2016  
Bottle Price: \$35.99



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## **Awards**

Silver, 2017 TEXSOM International Wine Awards

Silver, 2017 Monticello Cup Wine Competition

## **Ratings**

87 Points - Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

87 Points - Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com

## **Reviews**

*"...the acidity slams the fruit into the palate and there is quite a lot of tension on the finish, too."* - Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, February 2017

*"Dark and tannic but quite mellow for this extreme grape."* - Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com