



BOXWOOD ESTATE WINERY TOPIARY 2019

Middleburg Virginia AVA

BLEND

Alc/vol: 13.2%
Merlot: 67%
Cabernet Franc: 18%
Petit Verdot: 15%
100% estate grown fruit

2019 HARVEST AT BOXWOOD

Merlot is the major component of this blend, characterizing it as somewhat reminiscent of a “Right Bank” Bordeaux blend. The Merlot was picked September 10 thru September 18, the Cabernet Franc September 26 thru October 5, and the Petit Verdot was harvested on September 25. 2019 was a really good, warm, sunny and relatively dry growing season providing a high level of both quantity and certainly quality. The result was optimum ripeness in the grapes leading to concentrated and complex fruit flavors and structure.

WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested and triple sorted (in the vineyard, before and then after destemming), the fruit, consisting of mostly whole berries, was gravity fed into stainless steel fermenters.
- ~20% of the juice was bled from the tanks after 24-48 hours to help concentrate the juice for the red fermentations. This juice was then used for rose’.
- Fermentations were conducted separately by variety and clone.
- Pump overs and manual punch downs were done daily to continually mix the skins and the fermenting juice.
- Fermentations lasted 8 to 10 days, then the young wine sat on skins for another 7-14 days for post-fermentation maceration before pressing.
- The young wines were then drained into French oak barrels for maturation.
- Malolactic fermentation occurred in barrel, and the wines were aged in the oak for 12-15 months before trials were done to determine the final blends.

TASTING NOTES

Some spice to start, along with dark bramble fruits such as blackberry, black raspberry and plum. Notes of white pepper, cocoa. Integrated tannins giving good texture and structure to the wine. A fruit-filled finish, with a little licorice, that lingers well.

885 cases produced

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