



BOXWOOD ESTATE WINERY BOXWOOD 2019

Middleburg Virginia AVA

BLEND

Alc/vol:	13.5%
Cabernet Sauvignon:	32%
Merlot:	28%
Cabernet Franc:	25%
Petit Verdot:	15%
<i>100% estate grown fruit</i>	

2019 HARVEST AT BOXWOOD

2019 was an excellent vintage dominated by warm sunny weather. It nicely provided us with a bountiful crop of fully ripened, flavorful fruit. The Boxwood blend is the wine from this vintage with Cabernet Sauvignon which is also the highest component of the four varieties blended. As such, one could consider this a “Left Bank” Bordeaux -style blend. The spectrum of fruit in this wine covered the whole of harvest when we began picking the Merlot on September 10th, went through the Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and then finished with the Cabernet Sauvignon (and a little more Cabernet Franc) on October 5th. The roughly 67 tons of red grapes harvested in just shy of a month made for a very busy and intense, though due to the quality, exciting harvest.

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 to determine the final blends.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of vanilla, fig preserves, and light tobacco. A smooth texture with noticeable but mature tannins. Good mouthfeel with notes of bright fruit flavors; olive, black pepper, black plum. Finishes clean with licorice tones.

375 cases produced

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