



2021 Virginia Stainless Steel Chardonnay

A fruit forward wine with some fresh tropical pineapple, lychee, orange then followed by some apple, pear, plum and dried apricot. The fruits are followed by some soft floral and lemon notes which balance well with the limestone nuance. There is just a touch of a spicy caramel tone that adds nicely to the overall complexity. The mouth and finish are both bright and creamy at the same time creating a lovely full rich texture. – *Matthew Meyer, Winemaker*

VINTAGE: Overall, 2021 experienced above average temperatures in 9 of the 12 months. Except for January the winter was warmer and wetter than average. The Spring rolled in with some early rains and warm temperatures in the latter part, which was good for the development of the vines, unfortunately this was coming after a frost year and some of the primary buds were affected reducing crop yield. Virginia did experience some frost issues in 21, but not as bad as 20. The summer continued its warming trend as well as more rain than usual. Luckily the rains dissipated in the Autumn, and we had a wonderfully dry warm harvest season. The Quality was very good for the grapes we just wish there was more.

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay

HARVEST:

Mt. Juliet was harvested on 01 September at 20.1 Brix, 3.54 pH and 5.67g/L TA. The Mountain Terrace was harvested on 12 September at 22.1 Brix, 3.85 pH and 4.74g/L TA. Wessex Hundred was harvested on 30 August at 23.6 Brix, 3.56 pH and 6.90g/L TA.

VINEYARD SOURCING:

Mt. Juliet Vineyards, Crozet, VA – 49%
Mountain Terrace Vineyards, Amherst, VA – 37%
Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg, VA – 14%

TATION:

The Mt. Juliet fermented in Stainless steel for 15 Days with Rhone 4600 Yeast. The Mountain Terrace fermented in stainless steel for 16 Days with ICV Opale Yeast. The Wessex Hundred fermented in stainless steel for 16 days with Rhone 4600 yeast.

AGING: 100% Stainless Steel

BOTTLING DATE: May 2022 – 912 cases

RELEASE DATE: October 2022

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

12.5% Alc
3.44 pH
6.27g/L TA
0.10% RS (dry)

