



2020 Field Blend No. 3

Cabernet Franc & Tannat

SHENANDOAH VALLEY

LIMITED RELEASE

This blend carries a nice balance between some black cherries, strawberries, blackberries and blueberries along with the darker figs, dates and plum notes. All the fruits are enveloped with a touch of chocolate, molasses, and cola. Additionally, there is a pleasant chalky minerality which leads into some leather and earthy tones of forest floor and truffles, with a hint of cinnamon and clove. The wine wonderfully balanced between the oak, tannins and fruits making for a rich mouthfeel. The tannins are well integrated and add to the overall balance and structure of the wine. – *Matthew Meyer, Winemaker*

VINTAGE: This was a tough year on many counts. The winter started mild and was somewhat uneventful with moderate temperatures. Then in April and May Virginia was hit with some severe frosts devastating some growers. We then had a very wet start to the summer which proceeded to dry up with some extreme heat days. The rains then remerged in September making for difficult conditions with the grapes ripening. The rains did not completely dissipate for the remainder of harvest and did allow for some nice days to work.

BLEND: 80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Tannat

HARVEST: The Cabernet Franc was harvested on 18 October at 24.2 Brix, 3.83 pH and 5.64g/L TA. The Tannat was also harvested on 18 October at 23.0 Brix, 3.26 pH and 13.0g/L TA

VINEYARD SOURCING: Benevino Vineyards, Winchester, VA

FERMENTATION: Both grapes fermented for 7 days in stainless steel with D254 Yeast.

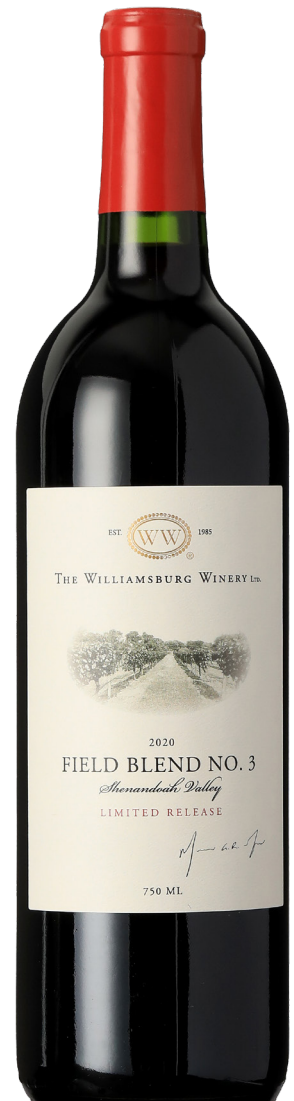
AGING: 12 months in 100% French Oak Barrels

BOTTLING DATE: March 2022

RELEASE DATE: October 2022

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

12.6% Alc
3.67 pH
6.24 g/L TA
0.4% RS (dry)



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