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[2015 MERITAGE]

OVERVIEW

VARIETAL 75% MERLOT, 15% CABERNET FRANC, 5% MALBEC & 5% PETIT VERDOT

VINEYARDS 100% ESTATE

HARVEST DATE SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

ELEVATION 750 FEET

SOIL LOAMY, MINOR SHALE

ORIENTATION SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST

VINE TRAINING VERTICAL SHOOT POSITIONING

AGING 18 MONTHS IN BOTH NEW AND NEUTRAL FRENCH AND AMERICAN OAK

ALCOHOL 13.2%

CASE PRODUCTION 372

BOTTLE PRICE \$28

TASTING NOTES

AROMA DARK PURPLE FRUITS, PLUM, CHERRIES, AND PEPPER

PALATE BALANCE OF DARK FRUITS, TANNINS, AND EARTHINESS

VINTAGE IN REVIEW

2015 provided ample moisture in the spring, getting the vines off to an early start. The weather turned warm and dry with bright sunshine for the remainder of the season, which frequently happens here in the Mid-Atlantic. As September arrived, the weather turned cool, which is ideal for the final ripening of fruit. All fruit was hand-picked and chilled overnight, before being carefully hand-sorted and crushed.

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