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## 2017 Meritage

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### — - Vintage

2017 was the rare Virginia vintage where harvest decisions were made independently of weather. Dry, sunny days and cool nights allowed for unhurried flavor development. Good acid retention made the resulting wines especially vibrant.

### — - Vineyard

The 2017 Meritage is 90% Estate fruit. Stinson Farms vines are cane pruned and close spaced on Braddock soil - a loamy red clay derived from crystalline rocks that make up the Blue Ridge Mountains to the west. The remaining 10% comes from neighboring Mount Fair Estate Farm, also in White Hall, Virginia.

### — - Winemaker's Notes

Red currant and kirsch combine with violet and lavender aromatics. Toasty French oak enhances the sturdy tannins in this structured blend from an excellent vintage.

### — - Label

The 2017 Meritage label features original art by local artist Christen Yates. Our oldest daughter, Wells, was born in July 2017 and spent her early months napping on the crushpad during harvest - this label is a tribute to her.

— - Harvest Dates: September 21 - September 28, 2017

### Technical Notes

Varietal Content: • 50% Merlot • 20% Cabernet Franc •

15% Cabernet Sauvignon • 15% Petit Verdot •

AVA: Monticello

Aged 21 months in French oak, 35% new

End pH: 3.7

ABV: 14.2%

Bottled: July 26, 2019

Case Production: 500

Release Date: April 15, 2021

SRP: \$35.99



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