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2018 Wildkat

— - Vintage

2018 will go down in history as one of Virginia's rainiest years on record. Charlottesville saw 72+ inches of rain, as compared to a little over 36 inches in 2017. Although it offered less than ideal farming conditions, 2018 made us all better growers and winemakers. An extra careful hand went into these wines and we can stand behind them as well-crafted and solid, fruit-forward expressions of the vintage.

— - Vineyard

The Rkatsiteli is sourced from Horton Vineyards in Gordonsville, VA. Dennis Horton planted the first of his 55 acres in 1988. Known for his willingness to experiment with varietals, he chose the late budding Rkatsiteli to plant in a frost pocket of his vineyard.

— - Winemaker's Notes

Skin fermentation lends a light amber hue and elegant tannic structure to this ancient white varietal. Rich aromatics lead into a textured palate with a bright acid undercurrent. Serve lightly chilled, in the style of a red wine.

— - Harvest Date: September 26, 2018

Technical Notes

Varietal Content: • 99.5% Rkatsiteli • .5% Petit Manseng wild yeast starter •

AVA: Monticello

Fermented on skins & aged 20 months in neutral French oak

End pH: 3.76

ABV: 12%

Bottled: July 30, 2020

Case Production: 75

Release Date: November 2020

SRP: \$27.99

