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## 2019 Meritage

### — Vintage

2019 was a beautiful vintage. Hot, dry weather during the late summer/early fall led to raisining in most of our varietals. This helped concentrate flavors and sugar levels as the grapes ripened - yielding rich, age-worthy wines,

### — Vineyard

The 2019 Meritage is 100% 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.

### — Winemaker's Notes

Black 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 2019 Meritage features original art by local sketch artist Jessie Chapman, who perfectly translated the label for this wine into an ode to pre-Covid summers and tailgates past. which at the time of bottling seemed like a distant dream.

— Harvest Dates: September 19 - September 24, 2019

### Technical Notes

Varietal Content: • 38% Cabernet Franc • 33% Merlot •

17% Petit Verdot • 15% Cabernet Sauvignon •

AVA: Monticello

Aged 18 months in French oak, 40% new

End pH: 3.73

ABV: 13.5%

Bottled: March 3, 2021

Case Production: 300

Release Date: February 2023

SRP: \$40.99



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