



## Meritage 2015

**Vineyard:** Blocks: Chateau, Carriage, Beausite

Average Age of Vines: 11 years

Average Density: 1800 vines/acre

### Harvest Dates:

September 2015

### Lab Analysis:

13 % vol. Alcohol Content

3.8 pH

5.85 g/L Total Acidity

0.02% Residual Sugar

### Bottling:

Production: 2,860 Cases

### Terroir:

Our vines are sheltered in the foothills of Carter's mountain in the Blue Ridge, Virginia. The red varieties were planted on the southern exposure slopes on our vineyards highest elevations allowing for maximum sun exposure and ripeness of fruit.

### Winemaking Notes:

This Bordeaux style blend was left to mature on the vine until reaching peak maturity and was then hand harvested, hand sorted, and underwent a cold maceration for 5 days before fermentation. Extended skin contact rounds out the pallet and integrated the rich tannins. It was then aged in French oak for 9 months prior to bottling.

### Tasting Notes:

This medium bodied Bordeaux style red composed of 60% Merlot, 20% Cab Franc, 15% Malbec, and 5% Petit Verdot. This harmonious blend has bold red fruit aromas of ripe plums, cherries, and blackberries. The wine's fruit aromas are balanced with subtle notes of earth and spice. It has bold tannins with a medium body and as it is an early release can benefit from cellaring or decanting prior to enjoying.

**wards:**

Iver, Governor's Cup Awards; Silver, International East Meets West Wine Challenge; Bronze, San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition.