

# Quaker Run Cabernet Franc

2021

EARLY MOUNTAIN

## WINE DESCRIPTION

The 2021 Quaker Run Cabernet Franc introduces a more pronounced intensity and notably savory character. This vintage captures the nuance of Quaker Run vineyard with its distinctive red stone fruits, forest floor, and unique toasted herb profile. These attributes are layers of red stone fruits, figs, black pepper, and dried marjoram. Quaker Run Cabernet Franc strikes a unique balance with its moderate density and fine, persistent tannins, epitomizing precision and purity. As a single vineyard offering, this Cabernet Franc is a refined and elegant homage to the Quaker Run Vineyard's natural expression of the land.

## WINEMAKER NOTE

Our approach to Quaker Run Cabernet Franc marries elegance with the variety's inherent aromatic potential, prioritizing silky structures over high phenolics and favoring the fruit's aroma over barrel influence. Using larger barrels (500L) and limiting new-oak exposure, we craft a wine that displays aromatic complexity, striking a refined balance of texture, tannin, and acidity. The 2021 Quaker Run Cabernet Franc presents a moderate density, complemented by fine, persistent tannins and a notable acid backbone, extending the wine's length and enhancing its intricate balance. This vintage is a testament to our commitment to producing Cabernet Franc that showcases the varietal's aromatic richness and delicate harmony, reflecting the Quaker Run vineyard's distinctive character.

## WINEMAKER

Maya Hood White

## In the Vineyard

In the lively spirit of Virginia, 2021 was an exciting vintage for Early Mountain. It very much reflects the impact of the site, with regions throughout the state experiencing highly varying climatic events, greatly influencing the dynamic range in fruit attributes. Early spring, we gratefully saw few frost events, escaping significant fruit damage. Despite some early season rains, bloom-time in the vineyard was quite dry, allowing for a good fruit set. With warm daytime temperatures throughout most of the growing season, we saw high and even ripening throughout both Quaker Run and Early Mountain vineyards. The late-season rains, leading to harvest, were also accompanied by notable drying (this was doubly obvious when tending to our new plantings, which need water!). Overall, despite harvest-time rainfall, we could not have asked for a better result.

## COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Franc



## VINEYARD

Quaker Run Vineyard

## AGING

Aged 12 months in 20% new oak, 500L barrels from northern European oak with medium toast. Aged in bottle for an additional 18 months.

## CELLARING

This wine should develop and drink well from 2025 onwards. When properly cellared, we expect this wine to show exceptionally in 2026 through 2036.

## TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 162  
Bottled: 17 January, 2023  
Yeast: Ambient  
Alcohol: 13.1%

pH: 3.65  
TA: 4.5 g/L  
RS: 0.20 g/L