

RISE

EARLY MOUNTAIN

2019

WINE DESCRIPTION

Reserved for only the finest vintages, 2019 Rise is a testament to uncompromising quality. Crafted from the most meticulously farmed fruit, grown at our mountainside vineyards, Rise embodies the essence of excellence and exclusivity. Rise is our most powerful wine and one of the most beautiful and intricate bringing to life. Our overarching philosophy balances power, concentration, and texture with aromatic complexity, detail, and flavors. Rise offers dynamic and dense aromas of Damson plum, wild blackberries, and cassis, elegantly layered with notes of cedar, mint, and wood spite and accented with blood orange zest, cacao, and forest floor. This wine is an exercise in balance, bringing ample, persistent, and densely structured tannin, highlighted by well-integrated acidity. Rise brings exceptional balance and length while highlighting the purity of the site, artful craftsmanship, and the essence of the vineyard in every bottle.

WINEMAKER NOTE

Rise exemplifies our winemaking philosophy at Early Mountain. It reflects vintage, selection from exceptional mountainside vineyards, and consistent evolution of wine growing to best display how these intersect. 2019 was an ideal grape growing vintage; we experienced warm and dry days with cool nights. While similar to 2017, the 2019 season built on those learnings and, even more precisely, honed our farming to reflect the inherent power of these sites and capture an optimal balance of tannin development, aromatic complexity, and depth. Rise takes the very best of these mountainside sites and offers a wine that distinctively showcases Virginia.

WINEMAKER

Maya Hood White

IN THE VINEYARD

Our acquisition of the Quaker Run vineyard on the southern side of Doubletop mountain changed our winemaking in a number of ways, but in the creation of this wine, Rise, we see the most profound influence. The steep, rocky slopes of the eastern Blue Ridge produce a wine of power and focus that stands with the structured and age worthy wines from leading regions of the world. Russ Mountain Vineyard is a 100% Merlot vineyard located on a Southeast-facing slope of the Blue Ridge mountain range, just south of Bluemont.

COMPOSITION

57% Merlot
18% Cabernet Franc
14% Petit Verdot
11% Tannat



VINEYARD

Quaker Run Vineyard
Russ Mountain
Shenandoah Springs

AGING

Aged 20 months in French oak barrels (55% new), and 18 months in bottle prior to release.

CELLARING

Aeration recommended when drinking young. Should develop and drink well from 2022 onwards. When properly cellared, we expect this wine to show exceptionally from 2030-2037.

TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 520
Bottled: 06 May, 2021
Yeast: Ambient
Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.90
TA: 5.2 g/L
RS: 0.39 g/L