

# RISE

EARLY MOUNTAIN

2021

## WINE DESCRIPTION

Reserved for only the finest vintages, 2021 RISE is a testament to uncompromising quality. Crafted from the most meticulously farmed fruit grown on our mountainside vineyards, it embodies the essence of excellence and exclusivity. RISE is not only our most powerful wine but also one of the most nuanced and intricate. It brings to life our overarching philosophy to balance power, concentration, and texture with aromatic complexity, detail and flavors. Dynamic and dense aromas of Damson plum, wild blackberries, and cassis, elegantly layer with notes of cedar, cacao, and forest floor. An exercise in balance-persistent and densely structured tannin and well-integrated acidity highlight the purity of our Quaker Run vineyard site.

## WINEMAKER NOTE

RISE exemplifies our winemaking philosophy at Early Mountain. Crafted only in the finest vintages, with specific selections from exceptional mountainside vineyards, this wine is the pinnacle of our portfolio. 2021 was an ideal grape growing vintage; we experienced warm and dry days, with cool nights. While similar to 2017, the 2021 season built on those learnings and we 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

**58% Merlot**  
**17% Petit Verdot**  
**15% Tannat**  
**10% Cabernet Franc**



## VINEYARD

Quaker Run Vineyard  
Russ Mountain Vineyard

## AGING

Aged 20 months in French barrels (52% new) and 18 months in bottle prior to release. Aeration recommended.

## CELLARING

Will develop and drink well from 2024-2050 if properly cellared.

## TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 480  
Bottled: 03 March, 2019  
Yeast: Ambient  
Alcohol: 14.8%

pH: 3.63  
TA: 5.5 g/L  
RS: 0.2 g/L