

Quaker Run Tannat

EARLY MOUNTAIN

2021

WINE DESCRIPTION

Quaker Run Tannat 2021 is a testament to this exceptional mountainside site. Crafted with meticulous attention to detail, this Tannat strikes a precise balance between strength and harmony, marrying the profound structure of tannin and acid with a unique and generous aromatic profile. Notes of black stone fruits and berries lead to subtle tropical notes, dried citrus, and baking spices. The aromatic profile is supported by dense tannin and bright acidity, creating a uniquely present and lengthy palate. 2021 Quaker Run Tannat embodies our dedication to crafting wines with precision, balance, and aromatic beauty.

WINEMAKER NOTE

We consider our approach to Tannat in the cellar to be ever-evolving. It is a variety that produces wines with high alcohol, richness, and aromatic intensity and can certainly stand up to large amounts of oak. However, with such a "beast" of wine often comes the inclination to lean into the extremes. With the Quaker Run Tannat, we have always looked to embrace some of the often-overlooked varietal nuances and lead with dynamic aromas, highlighted by the grape's inherent power.

With this bottling, we have begun relying less on new wood barrels but instead utilizing larger and older oak barrels, tempering the wine's oak extraction. With this aging, the wine prefers additional time in the barrel, developing broader secondary and tertiary attributes.

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

95% Tannat
5% Cabernet Franc



VINEYARD

Quaker Run Vineyard

AGING

Aged 20 months in larger format oak barrels (2-year) and 18 months in bottle prior to release.

CELLARING

This wine will develop and drink well from 2025 onwards. When properly cellared, we expect this wine to show exceptionally in 2030 through 2037.

TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 39
Bottled: 01 June, 2023
Yeast: Ambient
Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.58
TA: 6.2 g/L
RS: 0.29 g/L