

# Five Forks

EARLY MOUNTAIN

2023

## WINE DESCRIPTION

With Petit Manseng leading the 2023 Five Forks blend, this wine features the depth of aroma and texture that are inherent to this unique variety. The aromatics are generous, and as the wine changes temperature in your glass, you will find the dynamic profile evolving from pineapple, candied citrus and stonefruits to ripe mango and tropical flowers, accented with a touch of baking spice. The freshness of the 2023 Five Forks is accented by notes of herbs, makrut lime leaf, orange blossom honey, and melon. The palate showcases bright acidity with layered phenolic texture and a clean finish.

## WINEMAKER NOTE

We are big fans of Petit Manseng and have learned that our Sauvignon Blanc makes a natural blending partner. While both varieties feature the acidity and freshness that are the hallmarks of our house style, the Petit Manseng leans to the savory side while the Sauvignon Blanc brings bright citrus notes. In this vintage, we also accented the blend with the smallest bit of skin contact Malvasia Bianca for additional aromatics and a touch of Chardonnay for added complexity.

In 2023, the Petit Manseng was picked in several different lots, leading to great depth of acid and flavour. The 2023 vintage is a bit more dense and brooding than the 2022, featuring elevated aromas and brightness on the palate.

## WINEMAKER

Maya Hood White

## In the Vineyard

2023 was an excellent vintage with balanced whites and reds featuring ripe intensity and richness. It was one of the most recent standout vintages. After a very mild winter, we saw warm and dry days throughout the spring, leading into bloom time. Temperate weather throughout bloom resulted in fully set clusters. As the season progressed, we continued to experience very hot and dry days, along with cool nights, allowing for steady sugar accumulation and good acid retention. With this exceptional season for ripening, our harvest started on the earlier side and provided wines with phenological ripeness and aromatic complexity.

## COMPOSITION

65% Petit Manseng  
31% Sauvignon Blanc  
2% Malvasia Bianca  
2% Chardonnay



## VINEYARD

Early Mountain Vineyard  
Grapelawn Vineyard  
Batesville Vineyard  
Silver Creek Vineyard

## AGING

Fermented and barrel aged 9 months in barrel, both neutral accacia and French Oak, and stainless steel.

## CELLARING

This wine is intended to drink now, but with proper cellaring, it is expected to drink well for the next three to five years.

## TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 1,250  
Bottled: 24 July, 2024  
Yeast: Ambient  
Alcohol: 13.3%

pH: 3.21  
TA: 6.6 g/L  
RS: 1.1 g/L