



SUNSET HILLS VINEYARD

Sunset Hills Vineyard 2017 Sunset Red



BLEND

40% Merlot
36% Chambourcin
16% Cabernet Franc
8% Tannat

VINEYARDS

Shenandoah Springs
Vineyard #1
Catesby

APPELLATION

Virginia

VINTAGE 2017

Season: September rain held off, but early rains in October led us to pick earlier than anticipated for some reds
Harvests: 9.27—10.4
Brix: 23.4—24.4
pH: 3.43—3.8

WINEMAKER'S NOTE:

The lighter style that Sunset Red offers widens the scope of the wines here at Sunset Hills Vineyard. Delicate and youthful, the structure of the Sunset Red is carried by its acidity and bright fruit notes, rather than heavy oak or tannins. We want this wine to be enjoyed young—with the fruit notes still bright and vibrant. The 2017 vintage is more Merlot and Chambourcin based.

THE WINE

Notes of black cherry and black currant with a hint of cigar box. Light to medium bodied wine. Light tannic structure.

CELLARING

2018-2021

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Bottled: 7.11.18
Cases Produced: 632
Alcohol: 12.8%
Ph: 3.75
FSO₂ at bottling: 30ppm

WINEMAKING

Handling: Hand-picked, chilled, destemmed.
Yeast: D254, D47, GRE
Aging: neutral oak
Days on skins: 10—25 days
Fining: None.
Filtering: Sterile.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled BBQ chicken and corn on the cob, don't forget the butter
BBQ pizza
Chicken sausage with feta & roasted garlic
Warm farro and beet salad