

Sunset Hills Vineyard 2015 Mosaic



BLEND

45% Cabernet Franc 34% Petit Verdot 21% Merlot

VINEYARDS

Estate Vineyard #1
Estate Vineyard #3
Shenandoah Springs Vineayrd

APPELLATION

Middleburg AVA

Vintage

2015 was quite hot, which allowed for good ripening and higher alcohol. Keep the balance!

WINEMAKER'S NOTE:

The Mosaic blend is both the most challenging and rewarding blends to make. I get to use the best individual barrels in the cellar to make the most interesting and thoughtful wine possible. As always, a balance of tannin, structure, and acidity play into the final decision. This wine was blended before the 2016 vintage—racked and aged as a complete blend for 8 months back in barrel.

THE WINE

Notes of blackberry, clove, and walnut, the Mosaic has a rich mid-palate and lengthy finish.

CELLARING

2018-2025

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Oak: French, American, Hungarian. 20% new. Fining: None Filtering: Sterile Bottled: 6.20.16 Cases Produced: 410 Large Formats: 1.5 liter Alcohol: 13.9% Ph: 3.65

WINEMAKING

Handling: Hand-picked, chilled, destemmed, hand-sorted to fermentation bins.

Pre-ferment: 2-5 days cold soak.

Yeast: various yeast strains

Fermentation: 7-15 days.

Aging: 18 months in oak

Fining: None.

Filtering: Sterile.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS

Filet mignon
Mushroom risotto with a
squeeze of lemon
Flourless dark chocolate cake