



EARLY MOUNTAIN

2016 Quaker Run Cabernet Franc

At the foot of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, nature is at once graceful and fierce. Early Mountain wines are made here through a combination of ingenuity and true grit. We gently tend to every vine so the wine that emerges from the cellar is a clear descendant of the fruit at harvest – a unique wine that respects its heritage while embracing evolution and adventure. Virginian through and through.

Variety: 100% Cabernet Franc

Winemaker Note: This is our first vintage of bottling Block 1 of Quaker Run Vineyard on its own. 33 cases will release in fall of 2018, but we are excited about the possibilities and plan to increase with the 2017 bottling. Quaker Run manages to bring more structure without being overly tannic or acidic, mostly we find amplification of precision. It is also the Cabernet Franc where we find the most beauty in aroma, and our approach is always to understand and convey the fragrance of the fruit from this hillside.

Wine description: We like to say our approach to Cabernet Franc is more Burgundy than Bordeaux, meaning we look for silky rather than tannic structure and favor the aromatic potential of the grape over the flavor of the barrel. We should also point out that much of the Franc that we work with lends itself to this approach. The result is a wine that leads with fruit, framing classical herbal notes; a wine that has richness without feeling heavy. Since we work with reduction in Cab Franc, the fruit and herbs are highlighted by savory, umami notes of mushroom and damp, fertile soil.

In the Vineyard: 2016 began with very cold winter temperatures, significant frost events, and early spring showers. Though the summer saw normal levels of precipitation, the latter portion of the growing season was warm and dry, making for ripe and concentrated whites, leading to significant rain events later in the fall. The fruit for the components of this wine was picked prior to major rain events, resulting in high quality raw material for the wine.

Vineyard Block: Quaker Run Block 1

Clone/Rootstock: Cab Franc 327, RG; Cab Franc 214, RG; Cab Franc 327, 3309

Technical:	Cases produced: 33	Bottled: 3 Aug 2017	
	Yeast: Ambient	Alcohol: 13.75%	
	pH: 3.79	TA: 4.8g/L	RS: 0.26g/L