
PARADISE SPRINGS WINERY

KIII

2019



TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.37

Acid: 6.1 g/l

Alcohol: 13.5%

GRAPE SOURCES

44% Chardonnay, 34% Vidal Blanc and 22% Petit Manseng, sourced from 100% Virginia vineyards that break down as follows: 78% Brown Bear Vineyards and 22% Williams Gap Vineyards

APPELLATIONS

Shenandoah AVA and Loudoun County

HARVEST DATE

September 9, 17 and 18, 2019.

WINEMAKING DATA

The chilled grapes were destemmed and pressed off separately into stainless steel tanks for two days to settle. After two days, the wines were racked and fermented in three different stainless steel tanks using different yeast strains for approximately 3 weeks of fermentation under cold temperatures. After fermentation was completed, the different lots of wine were blended together into one tank and aged for a total of 7 months on the fine lees to add weight to the mid-palate and reduce the amount of sulfites used. 2019 KIII fined and filtered before it was bottled on April 14, 2020.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Stainless-steel fermentation allows each variety to be expressed without oak notes overwhelming the senses. This process highlights the abundant stone fruit and citrus aromatics. White peach stands out on the palate, followed by a lemon curd note and a mouth quenching acidity that leads to a long finish.

VINTAGE NOTES

The beginning of the 2019 growing season started to mimic the start of the 2018 season with a normal starting bud break and a semi wet start as vegetation started pushing out. Things soon change as the season progressed with a much drier summer and intermittent heat waves in late July and August that accelerated the beginning of the harvest season by about two weeks. The white were brought in rapidly before too much acid was lost to maintain good balance in those wines. Once the red grapes harvest started the weather cooled to more of typical season and the cooler nights allowed most red grapes to retain good acidity with the high brix that were showing from the early season heat wave. Overall the 2019 vintage will be remembered as a better than average for Virginia and one of the best of that decade.