
PARADISE SPRINGS WINERY

NORTON

2021



TECHNICAL DATA

pH: 3.76

Acid: 7.6 g/l

Alcohol: 13.5%

GRAPE SOURCES

100% Norton sourced entirely from Chrysalis Vineyards

APPELLATIONS

Middleburg AVA

HARVEST DATE

October 24, 2022

WINEMAKING DATA

The grapes were refrigerated on site at 40 F overnight, and the next day the grapes were destemmed into fermentation bins. The bins were immediately heated in a hot room to allow us to institute a hotter and faster fermentation that lasted 12 days, along with a co-inoculation of malolactic bacteria that was done a day after the yeast was added for the primary fermentations. Next, we pressed it off to settle for two days until moving it into barrels for 10 months of aging in new (80%) and neutral (20%) American oak using barrels from Berthomieu cooperage. 2022 Norton was bottled on August 9, 2023.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Real American Grape® was first cultivated in Richmond, VA in 1830 and is well adapted to the climatic factors for growing wine grapes in the Commonwealth. This fuller bodied, dark-colored wine has spicy and floral aromatics that lead the way to jammy black fruit notes of blackberry heightened by the vibrant acidity and round tannins, finishing with a subtle vanilla flavor.

VINTAGE NOTES

I believe the 2022 vintage will go down as one of the better vintages of the past decade. Bud break on the vines was later than normal. This along with a spell of wet cloudy weather early on seemed to push the vines about 10 days behind where they usually are for a typical vintage. This year didn't come without its challenges which presented in the way of hurricane Ian and then a second rain event in October that delayed the arrival of some late-ripening varieties. The weather however, between these two rain events was ideal for drying out, ripening, and improving the quality of the fruit in the vineyards. The combination of cool nights and heat throughout the days that continued well into late fall really gave this vintage a good push for higher quality wines.