8 CHAINS NORTH MERLOT 2022

8 Chains North is a working farm winery in Waterford, Virginia, producing wines from estate and leased vineyards across Loudoun County and the Middleburg AVA. This Merlot is sourced entirely from Furnace Mountain Vineyard.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 season delivered beautifully balanced fruit, with steady early growth and a warm, sun-filled summer that encouraged depth and concentration. This is the last harvest from Furnace Mountain Vineyard where 8 chains has harvested for over 15 years. The vineyard is on the banks of the Potomac River where the soil is silty and nutrient rich lending to strong, consistent growth year over year.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented with commercial yeast and taken through full malolactic fermentation. Aged 28 months in American oak, 50% new and 50% neutral. Manually filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe black cherry and earthiness on the nose. Silky brambleberry on the mid palate, with lingering tannins on the finish.

APPELLATION	Loudoun County, Virginia
VINEYARDS	100% Furnace Mountain Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
FERMENTATION	Commercial yeast
MACERATION	[TBD]
MALOLACTIC	Full
AGING	28 months American oak (50% new, 50% neutral)
FINING & FILTRATION	Manual filtration
ALCOHOL	12.7%
RESIDUAL SUGAR	<1%
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.35 g/L
pH	3.70

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