



868 ESTATE VINEYARDS MERITAGE 2022

868 Estate Vineyards is a family-founded winery on 120 acres in Loudoun County, named for its highest elevation point at 868 feet. With 21 acres of estate vines, the winery crafts expressive, award-winning wines recognized with multiple Gold Medals at the Virginia Governor's Cup, Loudoun Wine Awards, and strong James Suckling scores.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 growing season was dry and steady, producing clean, beautifully ripened Bordeaux varietals with vibrant aromatics and refined tannins. Ideal conditions across Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot created balanced components for blending, resulting in a Meritage that captures depth, structure, and elegance.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The blend combines equal parts Cabernet Franc and Merlot (76%), supported by 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Petit Verdot. Aged 18 months in 228L French oak barrels with 23% new and 77% neutral, the wine developed polished tannins and layered complexity. The approach highlights a classic Bordeaux-inspired structure.

TASTING NOTES

Rich, oak-kissed aromas of blackberry coulis, crushed blueberries, and vanilla lead into a velvety palate of warm figs, Amarena cherries, spice cake, and cherry pipe tobacco. Generous yet balanced, the wine offers plush texture and solid structure. Awarded **Gold at the Virginia Governor's Cup** and **89 points from James Suckling**.

APPELLATION	Loudoun County, Virginia
VINEYARDS	868 Estate Vineyards
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	38% Cabernet Franc, 38% Merlot 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 18 months in French Oak (23% New)
ALCOHOL	13.7%
PH	3.68
ACIDITY	6.0 g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry



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