



DOMAINE FORTIER
VINEYARDS

DOMAINE FORTIER 'LE PIVOT' 2020

Domaine Fortier crafts small-lot, hand-crafted wines from its Catoctin Valley estate in Lovettsville, Virginia. With ten acres of *Vitis vinifera* and a philosophy rooted in balance and precision, the winery focuses on thoughtful viticulture and restrained winemaking to create elegant, expressive wines that reflect the purity and character of their mountain-influenced terroir.

VINTAGE NOTES

A moderate 2020 season allowed Bordeaux varietals in Loudoun County to ripen evenly, developing red-fruit purity, supple tannins, and natural balance. Warm afternoons and cool nights supported flavor concentration while preserving acidity. Conditions were ideal for producing a structured yet approachable blend highlighting Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and a touch of Tannat.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Crafted as a Merlot & Cabernet Franc blend with the addition of 10% Tannat for structure and depth. Aged 16 months in French oak, including 22% new, the wine was handled gently to preserve varietal character, balance tannins, and reflect the adaptability that inspired its name.

TASTING NOTES

Le Pivot shows aromas of raspberry, red currant, and black cherry with notes of spice and earth. The palate is medium-bodied, smooth, and fruit-driven, with the Tannat adding subtle grip and structure. Balanced acidity and integrated oak lead to a clean, versatile finish ideal for everyday drinking or casual gatherings.

APPELLATION	Loudoun County, Virginia
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VARIETAL COMPOSITION	45% Cabernet Franc, 45% Merlot, 10% Tannat
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 16 months in French Oak 22% New French Oak Barrel
ALCOHOL	13.8%
PH	3.77
ACIDITY	5.30 g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry



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