



ENDHARDT 'GOLDEN TURKEY' RED 2021

Endhardt Vineyards is a family-owned estate in the Middleburg AVA, crafting small-lot wines from their 11-acre vineyard. Golden Turkey honors the flock of turkeys that ate part of the inaugural crop - an unexpected beginning that inspired this expressive Loudoun County red blend sourced from Endhardt and Tranquility vineyards.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 season offered a warm spring followed by steady summer heat and moderated rainfall, allowing Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Tannat to ripen evenly. Cooler nights preserved acidity, and the estate's Upper and Lower Block microclimates added structure, aromatics, and balance to this expressive red blend.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented in bin for roughly two weeks with commercial yeast, the blend completed malolactic fermentation in a mix of one-third new and two-thirds used French and American oak. Aged 30 months in barrel, then bottled aged further.

TASTING NOTES

Golden Turkey delivers vanilla, plum, cedar, and black pepper on the nose, followed by ripe red berries, cassis, rosemary, and tart cherry. Structured tannins frame a smooth finish. Awarded **Gold** at the **Virginia Governor's Cup** and **91 points** from **James Suckling**, it stands as one of Endhardt's signature red blends.

APPELLATION	Loudoun County, Virginia
VINEYARDS	Endhardt Estate Vineyard (Middleburg AVA) Tranquility Vineyard
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	50% Cabernet Franc, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Merlot, 10% Tannat
FERMENTATION & AGING	Aged 30 months French & American Oak (33% New)
ALCOHOL	13.6%
PH	3.71
TOTAL ACIDITY	6.51 g/L



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