7 LADY VINEYARDS

2022 Meritage

Virginia

Winemaker Notes

A truly old world styled Meritage with restraint and age-ability, opening with dried cherry, blackberry leaf, and tobacco. Soft and luscious layered mouthfeel that simply delights, creating a round plushness of wet stone and cedar. The finish is firm and savory with fine, drying tannins that reward patience.

Season

The 2022 vintage in Virginia rewarded attentive farming and patience. A warm summer drove excellent ripening energy, and periodic rainfall kept vine balance intact across our many sites.

A long, favorable autumn provided hang time for exceptional flavor complexity, supple tannin structure, and balanced natural acidity.

Winemaking

Destemmed whole berry into tank. Received a combination of punch downs and pump overs. Pressed at dryness. Aged 18 months in ~20% new French and American oak.

Varietals:	42% Cabernet Franc, 35% Petit Verdot, 23% Merlot
Appellation:	Virginia
Fermentation:	Stainless
Oak Maturation:	18 months, ~20% new French and American
Alcohol:	13.43%
pH:	3.93
Total Acidity:	4.55 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0%
Case Production:	560 Cases