

2015

TASTING NOTES

HEXAMETER



HEXAMETER is the meter that *OVID* used in his *GREATEST POEM: Metamorphoses*. This form of verse is *uniquely* SUITED to the telling of long & *INSPIRING* tales that stand *the test of time*. We aim to *recreate* these QUALITIES IN THE *HEXAMETER* WINE, featuring our Pritchard Hill estate's *MOST PROFOUND and COMPELLING Cabernet Franc* as its core.

The 2015 vintage was one of *NATURAL PREDETERMINATION*. *BUDBREAK* continued its *streak* of early starts and the summer was *WARM AND BEAUTIFUL*, finishing with a hot *flourish*. The cumulative *LACK OF RAIN* of the previous 3 *YEARS* came to *BEAR* on the *clusters of this vintage*. The resultant yield was *LESS THAN HALF OUR HISTORICAL AVERAGE*. *Nevertheless*, the fruit that the vines did offer in 2015 was *SPECTACULAR*. *DEEPLY HUED AND DENSELY DELICIOUS*, the wines from this tiny vintage are *FRESH, VIBRANT and PROFOUNDLY COMPELLING*.

LIVELY and EXUBERANT, the 2015 *HEXAMETER* opens with notes of *DARK red cherry, BOYSENBERRY, cola, plum, orange blossom*, and *mulberry, ENTWINED* by aromas of *sweet green TOBACCO, molasses, and pencil shavings*. *Round and brooding* this wine has an *UNDENIABLY DELICIOUS POWER AND TENSION*.

The 2015 *Hexameter* wine is *DELICIOUSLY APPROACHABLE* now with *DECANTING* and will *continue to tell the story* of its *VINTAGE* & *VINEYARD* for *MANY YEARS* to come.

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