



BOXWOOD ESTATE WINERY TOPIARY 2016

Middleburg Virginia AVA

BLEND

Alc/vol: 13%

Merlot: 71%

Cabernet Franc: 23%

Petit Verdot: 6%

100% estate grown fruit

2016 HARVEST AT BOXWOOD

The Merlot was picked September 22 thru September 23, the Cabernet Franc was picked October 3 thru October 6, the Petit Verdot was picked October 3 thru October 4, the Cabernet Sauvignon was picked October 12. With ideal weather through the spring, 2016 was a great growing season that saw more rain than usual in August, giving way to a spectacularly sunny, dry harvest period. This resulted in optimum ripeness and acid balance and brought about concentrated and complex fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested, triple sorted, destemmed, gravity fed into open-top stainless steel fermenters
- 15% bleed, whole berry fermentation separate by varietal
- Homogenizing Pump overs, 100% manual punch down, with 22-25 day macerations
- Pumped into barrel, free run separated from press wine, malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aging in French oak barrels for 12 months, 33% new / 33% 1 year / 33% 2 year

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Topiary is a dark garnet color. A delicate floral nose of violet and lilac lingers through to the palate, blooming into plush dark flavors of blueberry, blackberry and plum. A strong fruit character leads into woody tannin and subtle hints of graphite, challenging the norms of Merlot-based Bordeaux blends with its lively fruitiness and a lengthy and full-bodied finish.

950 cases produced

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