

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 12TH ANNUAL ROSEMONT WINE & ART FESTIVAL

**Saturday, June 18th**  
11am - 6pm

*Featuring over 30 regional artists and craftsmen, live music, food trucks, and tastings!*

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Memorial Day Concert**  
May 28th  
with North Tower

**Independence Day Concert**  
July 1st  
w/ The Feature Attraction Band &  
Fireworks over the Vineyards!

**Labor Day Concert**  
September 3rd  
with JB & The Get Down Browns

### HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR 6 AND 12 BOTTLE CLUBS?

Interested in receiving more bottles with your Wine Club Membership? We now offer 6 bottle and 12 bottle options of our Wine Clubs!

Choose between a mixed selection, red wine only, white wine only, or sweet & dessert wines!

### PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NO LONGER TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR GROUPS OF 8 OR LESS

Reservations are required for groups of 9 or more and can be made by calling the Winery directly at 434-636-9463.

*1858 Club  
February 2022  
Newsletter*

Happy New Year Club Members!

I hope you all had a safe and happy new year! We are so excited about what 2022 has to offer and we are looking forward to seeing all of you in the Tasting Room this year!

This quarter you'll be receiving three fan favorites! Our newly released Traminette, our Rosé, and our Cabernet Franc. We bottled the 2021 Traminette when we were closed in January and we're so glad it's back! With bright, fresh aromas of lemon, fresh peach, and candied ginger it's great with spicier Asian dishes like Thai food or with fresh seafood.

Our 2020 Rosé is one of our most popular wines. With aromas of strawberries, grapefruit, and juicy watermelon this wine can be paired with pretty much anything but goes exceptionally well with BBQ.

The 2019 Cabernet Franc is bold with aromas of black cherry, plum, and white pepper. This wine is perfect with red meat or while sitting by a fire.

We hope that 2022 will be the year that we can finally get back to normal: We have lots of fun events planned and we hope to get back to traditional tastings soon! Be sure to check your emails and our social media pages to see what's going on at the Winery!

**Cheers! Kyndal Eggleston** - Wine Club Coordinator

### INCLUDED THIS QUARTER

#### WINES

2021 Traminette

2021 Rosé

2019 Cabernet Franc

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR WINEMAKER

As we start this new year, I hope that this message finds you and your families well. It's a crazy start to 2022, but as with every year, we are always hopeful for what this year will bring for the vintage. Even though 2021 was off to a rocky start, we ended up with some amazing fruit from our vineyard, even though some of the varietals were devastated by the weather. We were lucky enough to have the ability to purchase fruit from other Virginia growers, and I'm confident that you'll enjoy the wines that are produced from that fruit just as much as you enjoy ours.

Speaking of weather, if you have visited us since the beginning of February, you will have noticed three large new additions to our vineyard - our wind machines! We just completed installing these "frost fans" to help us combat the late Spring frosts that we seem to be experiencing more and more as the years pass. These machines help to mix up the inversion layer on nights when frost is possible and should hopefully save our baby buds. We've experienced three late frosts over the past six years, and we are hopeful that these machines will be just the insurance that we need.

Over our Winter Break, we bottled our 2021 Traminette, Rosé, Block A, Lake Country Sunset, and 2020 Cabernet Franc. The Traminette and Sunset are being released just now, and the others will make their debut soon. We've also released our latest Extra Brut Sparkling Rosé, and I've already started on the next vintage of Extra Brut Sparkling White, so I hope you're thirsty!

CHEERS! JUSTIN - Justin Rose, Winemaker

## 2021 TRAMINETTE

The past few years have been tough on Traminette, from a quantity perspective. Late Spring frosts and freezes have left us with only about half of what we're typically used to harvesting. And it's not a grape that plays very well with other varietals, so we've been a little lean on quantity over the past few years. That's why we were so excited when we were able to get a bumper crop off our Traminette vines this year, despite our late Spring freeze!

This vintage we blended both "lots" of our Traminette - the highwire and the VSP. Both bring different qualities to the blend, but we feel this year that the floral and citrus flavors dominate, whereas in previous years, there was a solid minerality and salinity. The grapes really held their acid too, so the finish is crisp, clean, and refreshing. That's what makes growing wine on the East Coast so interesting - the ability to perceive the changes of each year's growing season, and we think you'll really enjoy this latest vintage!

### TASTING NOTES

A light and bright wine with aromas of lemon, candied ginger, peaches and, white flowers. It has a bright citrus flavor with a crisp acidity that makes this wine a perfect pairing with any spicy foods, oysters, shrimp or, any other shellfish.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**APPELLATION:** Rosemont Vineyards  
**BLEND:** 100% Traminette  
**ALCOHOL:** 13%  
**CASES PRODUCED:** 308  
**BOTTLE DATE:** January 11, 2022

## 2021 ROSÉ

It might be a bit early in the season for some Rosés, but around here we drink Rosé all year round. But being a pink wine, we thought it would be a great addition to our February selections for Valentine's Day!

Our Rosé is made from 100% Chambourcin grapes, which we pick early for the sole purpose of making Rosé. Chambourcin has the distinction of being one of the only grapes in the world that is a teinturier, a grape whose juice is pink or red rather than clear like most other red varietals. That means that we can press the grapes immediately upon harvesting them and still retain the beautiful, bright pink color.

We were encouraged to use Chambourcin for Rosé by our vineyard consultant, Lucie Morton, when we planted our vineyard in 2003. And we have been thrilled with its ability to produce a Rosé with vibrant color, robust aromatics, and a well-structured body that can stand up to almost any dish. It's why we drink it year-round!

### TASTING NOTES

Our most widely produced wine, the 2021 Rosé is crisp and refreshing. It features aromas of watermelon rind, strawberry sherbet, and tart cherries.

It is such an easy-to-drink wine, and goes with everything!

### TECHNICAL DATA

**APPELLATION:** Rosemont Vineyards  
**BLEND:** 100% Chambourcin  
**ALCOHOL:** 13%  
**CASES PRODUCED:** 714  
**BOTTLE DATE:** January 11, 2021

## 2019 CABERNET FRANC

Cabernet Franc is consistently one of the most popular wines that we produce here at Rosemont. It is a balanced red with silky smooth tannins that evokes a real sense of "terroir" from our Southern Virginia site.

Our sandy, yet clay-based soils tend to lend flavors of spice and cherry to many of our red wines, and those are accentuated in our Cabernet Franc. Aging the wine in a mixture of once used and French oak barrels allows us to let the fruit shine, which helps to develop the velvety tannins that are a signature of this wine, which probably speaks to its popularity.

This wine has become so popular that we now make just as much of this wine as we do of our Rosé. That means only one thing - it's time to plant more! In 2023 we will be planting two more acres of Cabernet Franc but will be planting a different clone and rootstock from what we currently have, and we can't wait to introduce you to those soon as well as we increase our production!

### TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Franc is a smooth, bold wine with aromas of black cherry, plum, white pepper, and a touch of floral undertones. This is the perfect wine to enjoy with a nicely seasoned steak off the grill or a hearty mushroom dish.

### TECHNICAL DATA

**APPELLATION:** Rosemont Vineyards  
**BLEND:** 80% Cabernet Franc, 20% Petit Verdot  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.2%  
**CASES PRODUCED:** 707  
**BOTTLE DATE:** January 12, 2021