



2019 CHARDONNAY

Shenandoah Valley AVA

TECHNICAL DATA

Vineyard: Little North Mountain
Appellation: Shenandoah Valley AVA
Varietal: Chardonnay

Barrels: 20% new and 80%
neutral French Oak
puncheons and barrels on
lees

Aging: 11 months
Alcohol: 13.2%
pH: 3.43
Cases Produced: 750

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was a tremendous growing season, we had rainfall precisely when we needed it and long periods of hot dry days accompanied by cool nights. This led to the wines having a wonderful fresh acidity to balance ripe fruit tones and a wonderful length on the finish nearly across the board. The whites show ripe fruit and bright fresh acidity. The Reds showcase a full body structure, tart dark red fruit notes that have weight and lively acidity behind them.

WINEMAKER NOTES

This 2019 Chardonnay is the first step in defining our style of Chardonnay, a style which replaces intervention in favor of technique. Harvested at a ripeness to preserve acidity, the fruit was pressed cold and fermented in French oak barrels and large puncheons. Following primary fermentation, malolactic fermentation was blocked with only a small percentage of malic acid being converted to lactic as the primary fermentation tapered off. The wine aged with its lees with consistent stirring to keep the lees in suspension for 11 months. The Result is a wine that is nuanced, a round full structure and blankets of texture coupled with a vibrant acidity the leaves your palate fresh, no buttery cloying in this wine.

ABOUT THE WINERY

Hazy Mountain Vineyards & Brewery is located in the westernmost part of the Monticello AVA, off of the historic Route 151 Wine Trail. The Hazy Mountain Vineyard has 36 acres under vine, with the first planting occurring in 2019. Our Little North Mountain Vineyard, located in Swoope, Virginia (Shenandoah Valley AVA) has 50 acres under vine with a markedly higher elevation. Farmed and picked by hand, the Hazy Mountain fruit receives the highest attention throughout the grape-growing process. The diverse microclimates and soil conditions of each distinct vineyard site offer a true expression of terroir, where we thoughtfully plant international varieties best suited for each diverse block.

