



2020 CHENIN BLANC

Shenandoah Valley AVA

TECHNICAL DATA

Vineyard: Little North Mountain
Appellation: Shenandoah Valley AVA
Varietal: 90% Chenin Blanc, 10% Pinot Blanc

Rootstock: 3309
Barrels: 20% new and 80%
neutral French Oak
puncheons

Aging: 10 months on lees
Alcohol: 12%
pH: 3.36
Cases Produced: 325

VINTAGE

The 2020 Vintage started off well but was crushed by a late may frost that wiped out 60% of our fruit overnight. The remainder of the vintage was a back and forth of long hot droughts and then a cool damp end of the growing season. The wines present this turbulent season and needed special care to come together before bottling. There was a disjointed high acidity that required extended aging in barrel to settle into place and allow the fruit to sing. The whites are medium bodied with minerality coming to the forefront. The Reds are medium bodied with a tart fruit presence and tight tannin structure that has had time to soften to a pleasant savory quality.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our first vintage of Chenin Blanc from our Swoope vineyard in the Shenandoah Valley AVA, we are elated to share this wine with Virginia. A rare grape to find growing in the state, these vines were planted in the spring of 2018 and bringing this wine to bottle has been 5 years in the making. Fermented and aged exclusively in large format French Oak puncheons, this wine brings out the beauty of bright fruit characteristics, a rounded full-bodied texture refreshed with acidity and a distinct Chenin Blanc aromatic profile. The fact that the wine is presenting itself as a true to form Chenin reminiscent of the Loire Valley, we could not be more excited.

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.

