

CASINO MINE RANCH

2018 VERMENTINO, SHENANDOAH VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Our 4th vintage of the esoteric Italian varietal Vermentino—albeit with a Californian twist—has reached its stride in the vineyard, full stop. Originally hailing from coastal Tuscany and Sardinia, it embodies a unique expression from its perch nestled in the volcanic soils of the Sierra foothills. We harvest at night, gently whole-cluster-press and ferment in stainless steel, all to retain its freshness. To add a touch of roundness to the wine, we age briefly sur lie. The resulting wine is of a brilliant lemon hue, with aromatic notes of candied lemon peel and lychee, and hints of orange blossom. The palate is generous with citrus and lean tropical fruits – think freshly squeezed lemons, green papaya, and young pineapple! – in a balanced and refreshing framework of bright acidity and ample minerality.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Jim & Rich Merryman
WINEMAKER	Jessica Tarpy & Andy Erickson
VARIETAL	100% Vermentino
APPELLATION	Shenandoah Valley
PRODUCTION	475 Cases
ALCOHOL	14.1%

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BACKGROUND

Casino Mine Ranch is an estate vineyard located in the Sierra foothills of Amador County. The winery, a century old ranch that was once mined for gold, is owned and managed by fourth-generation California brothers, Jim and Rich Merryman. The vineyard is planted and farmed to best harness the potential of the site, through thoughtfully selected grape varieties. In keeping with the family's pioneering spirit, the Merryman's partnered with the highly acclaimed winemaking team of Andy Erickson and Jessica Tarpy who share a passion for great wines from special sites. Together with their commitment to hard work, connection to the land, and passion to produce the best wine possible they are pursuing a legacy that honors the history, family, and the land.