

CASINO MINE RANCH

2017 MARCEL, SHENANDOAH VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Our third offering of Marcel is a blend of 80% Tempranillo and 20% Teroldego, a varietal native to Northern Italy and scarcely planted around the world. Teroldego finds itself aptly at home in the Sierra Foothills with its Gold Rush history, considering its moniker originates from “the gold of the Tyrol.” This inky, lush fruit-forward varietal is the perfect yin to the grounded Tempranillo’s yang, complementing one another in an unusual yet serendipitous pairing. The wine itself is named in honor of a lifetime resident of Casino Mine Ranch: Marcel Tiquet, who cared for the land for over 60 years. The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness, underwent a long maceration on the skins and spent 18 months in new French barriques. The result is a deep, ruby-hued wine that permeates the glass emanating notes of bramble fruits, forest floor and hints of grilled meats over an open wood fire. The palate is marked by incredible tension balanced with a lushness that leaves you reaching for the next sip. A myriad of flavors from baking spice and fennel to a cigar box, lingonberry preserves and Tiramisu — a full-bodied wine with a long finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Jim & Rich Merryman
WINEMAKER	Jessica Tarpy & Andy Erickson
VARIETAL	80% Tempranillo & 20% Teroldego
APPELLATION	Shenandoah Valley
ALCOHOL	14.2%



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 varietals. 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.