

AARONAP CELLARS

2018 ESTATE CHACE HILL RED



Wine Summary:

Summary: Our estate Chace Hill Road vineyard lies a stone's throw from the shores of Wachusett Reservoir in central Massachusetts. Two acres of hybrid varieties Marquette and Arandell grapes flourish in the summer sun and reach maturity between Labor Day and Columbus Day.

Tasting Notes:

A dry medium-bodied red wine loaded with earthy black cherry, plum, blackberry, blueberry, and black pepper aromas. A hint of cedar and spice complements the smooth finish.

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition: 76% Marquette / 4% Arandell

Appellation: Massachusetts

Vineyard: Chace Hill Vineyard, Lancaster, MA

Aging Protocol: 4 years in old French oak barrels. Bottled aged for an additional 5 months.

Alcohol by volume: 13.5% *pH:* 3.77 *Residual sugar:* <50 mg/L

Production Volume: 787 bottles

Vintage and Production Notes:

2018 was a struggle year for grapes in Massachusetts. Regular summer rains persisted through August, leaving the grapes at high-risk for fungal diseases. Harvest in mid-September required significant hand sorting to select high quality fruit for fermentation. Following fermentation with Maurvin B yeast over 7 days, the must was pressed and aged in a Flextank for 3 months during malolactic fermentation before the wine was transferred to well used French Oak barrels and aged for 4 years.