

AARONAP CELLARS

2019 ESTATE CHACE HILL RED



Wine Summary:

Our estate Chace Hill Road vineyard lies a stone's throw from the shores of Wachusett Reservoir in central Massachusetts. Nestled amongst historic apple orchards, our two acre vineyard is planted with a mix of cold-hardy grape varieties Marquette and Arandell that thrive in our unique inland New England climate. Far away from coastal breezes, the inland summer sun and heat allow for the grapes to flourish and mature to their highest potential.

Tasting Notes:

A dry medium-bodied red wine loaded with earthy black cherry, blackberry, blueberry, cinnamon bark, clove, nutmeg, and mocha aromas. A hint of cedar and black pepper complements the smooth, lingering finish.

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition: 65% Marquette / 25% Arandell / 10% Petite Pearl

Appellation: Massachusetts

Vineyard: Chace Hill Vineyard, Lancaster, MA (Marquette & Arandell) and Coastal Vineyard, South Dartmouth, MA (Petite Pearl)

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

Alcohol by volume: 12.5% *Residual sugar:* <50 mg/L

Production Volume: 700 bottles

Vintage and Production Notes:

2019 was a recovery year following the constant summer rains and humidity of 2018. We intentionally limited the number of grapevine shoots and grape clusters to allow for better airflow and coverage of our antifungal treatments. 2019 proved to be wonderfully dry and sunny and the grape clusters bloomed in the dry summer sun. Hand-harvesting in mid-September, followed by fermentation with Maurvin B yeast yielded a dark, rich wine brimming with kitchen spice notes that was aged in stainless steel for 6 months during malolactic fermentation. The wine was transferred to well used French Oak barrels and aged for an additional 4 years. Prior to bottling a small portion of Petite Pearl from our Coastal Vineyard in South Dartmouth was added to brighten the fruit flavors.