

BLACK ANKLE

vineyards

Feldspar Background Information

Feldspar background info: Feldspar is a premium, non-vintage blend that first appeared on our tasting menu in 2015. At that time, Feldspar was a blend of wines made from our 2011, 2012, and 2013 vintages. Each subsequent release has been a different blend of vintage years. While not mentioned specifically, one can guess that Feldspar IV is made from the 2016 and 2017 vintage years based upon the length of time the wines are aged in barrel. Interestingly, with the percentage of wine that is 18 months old, one could say that this could be labeled as a Vintage release according to The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB's) standards for labeling.

Non-vintage defined: The grapes used in the wine were harvested from multiple years (vintage years); and none of the vintage years is at the minimum requirement for labeling (85%).

Pressed Wine: After the red wines are fermented, the wine is drained off the skins and put into barrel (for malolactic fermentation and aging). The skins are loaded into our press and are gently pressed. That final press wine is the most tannic and goes into its own barrels and often goes into our Slate or Feldspar after malolactic fermentation and aging.

Feldspar I bottled / release date: released August 2015

Feldspar II bottled / release date: released February 2017

Feldspar III bottled / release date: May 2018 / June 2018

Feldspar IV bottled / release date: April 2019 / March 2020

