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Greetings **FROM OUR WINEMAKER**



Welcome to the first Wine Club shipment of 2026! I hope the new year has started off well for everyone—though I think we can all agree I could've done without the freezing, icy conditions to kick things off.

While winery visitation tends to slow down in January, the cellar has been bustling with activity. We've been hard at work bottling more Wine Club-exclusive wines and preparing some exciting releases for the year ahead. The cellar already looks very different than it did just a few weeks ago, as barrels are emptied, the 2023 Reserve blends are finalized, and the 2025 reds are settled into their final homes. Fortunately, I have a great selection of high-quality barrels ready for the outstanding red wines from this past harvest.

I'm especially excited to introduce the final 2022 Cabernet Franc field blend, the Tannat-Cabernet Franc, along with the next installment of our Invisible Ink Mystery labels.

After surviving the cold of January, here's hoping for milder weather to enjoy all the events planned for February. And if winter decides to linger, there's no better excuse to cozy up by our working fireplaces with a glass of wine, good conversation, and the company of our friendly staff and fellow wine lovers.

Prost!

Cheers, Stacey Lightfoot

STACEY LIGHTFOOT, HEAD WINEMAKER



The Mystery Continues..

THE NEXT SECRET LETTER HAS ARRIVED

The journey continues! We're thrilled to unveil the next label in our Secret Letter Series. If you've successfully uncovered the first four hidden letters, you're already on your way to solving the mystery. Now, with this 2022 Cabernet Franc, you'll reveal the next clue, bringing you one step closer to discovering what awaits. Could it be a new wine, a new experience, or something entirely unexpected for the future of The Williamsburg Winery?

Only time will tell...

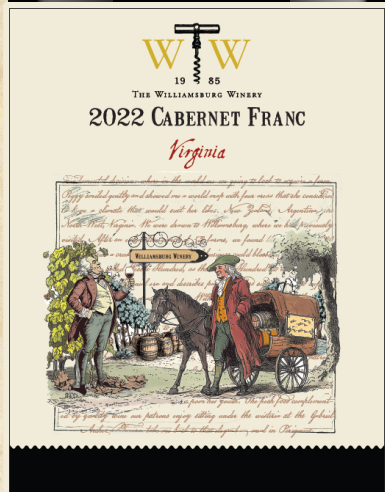
WESSEX HUNDRED ENTRANCE: A HIDDEN GEM IN YOUR JOURNEY

Each bottle in our 6-Label Series celebrates a distinct and meaningful part of The Williamsburg Winery, and the 2022 Cabernet Franc is proudly adorned with the grand entrance to the Wessex Hundred property. More than a gateway, this entrance marks the beginning of a journey through centuries of history, natural beauty, and enduring legacy.

As you arrive, you're welcomed by a scenic drive winding through lush woodlands and flourishing vineyards, setting the tone for the serene landscape beyond. The Wessex Hundred farm spans over 400 acres, offering a peaceful retreat that feels both timeless and deeply rooted in the land's past.

THE MISSION CONTINUES

Remember, the key to revealing the hidden letter is in your hands. Apply the reagent, uncover the letter, and record your findings. With each installment, you edge closer to unveiling the full message. What awaits at the end? Stay the course, entrusted patriots—the answer will soon be revealed.





2021 Petit Verdot Reserve

BLEND: 100% Petit Verdot

A bold fruit forward wine offering blackberry, black cherry, blueberry, plums and a touch of strawberry. The fruit nuances are well balanced with some dark chocolate, cola, limestone and just a bit of the classic forest floor. The mouthfeel carries all these fruits with well-structured tannins that are still soft and approachable. The French Oak carries through with some lovely vanillas and graphite that enhances the long fruit forward finish of the wine. Overall, an explosive wine with many layers and nuances that still preserves a wonderful balance.



2022 Virginia Merlot

BLEND: 88% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot

The prevalence of blueberry, cranberry, blackberry, and raspberry is well balanced with notes of cocoa, vanilla, cassis, and limestone, and hints of black pepper. The smokey tannins add a nice warmth on the nose. These rich tannins come through on the palate with a calcareous, limestone, and earthy finish. There is a surprising depth and complexity to this wine making it an intriguing Merlot to enjoy.



2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc

Limited Release

BLEND: 63% Tannat, 37% Cab Franc

This is a surprisingly balanced wine that allows the Tannat and Cabernet Franc varietals to shine. The wine is fruit-forward expressing currants, blackberry, strawberry, apple, rhubarb, and plum. Alongside the fruit are spicy notes of clove, anise, and black licorice. The tannins are rich and structured, giving a full mouth feel and a forest floor finish. This wine can be enjoyed now with a cheese plate or aged for several more years.



2022 Virginia Petit Verdot

BLEND: 92% Petit Verdot, 8% Cab Franc

The bright lemon is balanced with the dark fruits of cranberry, cherry, strawberry, and cassis. There are also notes of spice, leather, and black pepper. The oak is nicely expressed with rich and approachable tannins and a touch of limestone, while still allowing the brightness of the wine to shine on the palate. There is a soft finish of pepper and forest floor.



2022 Petit Verdot-Cabernet Franc

Limited Release

BLEND: 74% Petit Verdot, 26% Cabernet Franc

2022 was a year in which we made several field blends that are exclusively available to our Wine Club Members. Cabernet Franc was a common varietal in several of these blends and we've ensured that both are expressed and balanced in these final blends. We hope you enjoy this delicate combination of two delicious red wine varietals!



2021 Wessex Hundred Petit Verdot

BLEND: 100% Petit Verdot

The Wessex Petit Verdot continues to express wonderful bold wines of blueberry, blackberry, figs and cassis with a touch of bright red fruit to enhance the aged fruit. The fruit is matched well with the floral violet notes and herbal nuances. Additionally, there is a touch of earthy and spicy characters that is well balanced within the wines structure. The oak is well integrated with the fruits and offers some lovely graphite and vanilla layers. The mouthfeel and finish are rich and creamy with the fruit and tannins playing well with each other.





2023 Rkatsiteli

Limited Release

BLEND: 100% Rkatsiteli

This vintage of Rkatsiteli is reminiscent of summer. The fruits of lemon and pineapple blend well with strawberry, cherry, and green apple. There is also a freshness of aloe, grass, and wildflowers. This very bright citrusy and crisp wine envelopes the mouth and has a creamy smooth finish. This wine is already showing well and can be enjoyed as a stand alone or with cheeses and lighter fare.



2022 Barrel Aged Petit Manseng

Limited Release

BLEND: 100% Petit Manseng

This wine displays a wonderful array of bright tropical notes of lychee, pineapple and banana. The tropical fruits are well balanced with the pear and apricot notes. All these fruits are wrapped in a lovely, perfumed wildflower essence, along with a smattering of vanilla and honey. The mouthfeel is exceptionally clean and bright. The finish mirrors the mouthfeel but with a juicy explosion at the end.



2024 Semi-Dry Rosé

BLEND: 58% Chardonnay, 17% Viognier, 15% Riesling, 10% Syrah

This fruit-forward vintage showcases strawberries, blueberries, cherry and plum. There is also vanilla and cinnamon spice nestled amongst the fruit as well as being slightly floral. The slight sweetness accentuates the fruit in a light and juicy mouthfeel with a lemon and cream finish.



CONNOISSEUR

REDS



Mystery Label Virginia Cabernet Franc
2021 Petit Verdot Reserve
2021 Wessex Hundred Petit Verdot (2 Btl.)
2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release* (2 Btl.)
2022 Virginia Merlot (2 Btl.)
2022 Petit Verdot-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release* (2 Btl.)
2024 Virginia Semi-Dry Rose (2 Btl.)

MIXED



Mystery Label Cabernet Franc
2021 Wessex Hundred Petit Verdot
2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release* (2 Btl.)
2022 Virginia Merlot (2 Btl.)
2024 Virginia Semi-Dry Rose (2 Btl.)
2022 Barrel Age Petit Manseng *Limited Release* (2 Btl.)
2023 Rkatsiteli *Limited Release* (2 Btl.)

DISCOVERY

REDS



2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release*
2022 Virginia Merlot
2022 Virginia Petit Verdot

MIXED



2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release*
2024 Virginia Semi-Dry Rose
2022 Virginia Merlot

WHITES



2022 Barrel Aged Petit Manseng *Limited Release*
2024 Virginia Semi-Dry Rose
2023 Rkatsiteli *Limited Release*

EXPLORER *Legacy Classic Members*

REDS



2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release*
2022 Virginia Merlot
2022 Virginia Petit Verdot

MIXED



2022 Tannat-Cabernet Franc *Limited Release*
2024 Virginia Semi-Dry Rose
2022 Virginia Merlot

WHITES



2022 Barrel Aged Petit Manseng *Limited Release*
2024 Virginia Semi-Dry Rose
2023 Rkatsiteli *Limited Release*

CITRUS & HERB GOAT CHEESE CROSTINI

paired with our Rkasiteli

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

- 1 small baguette, sliced
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 oz goat cheese, softened
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- ½ tsp honey
- Pinch kosher salt
- Fresh herbs (thyme or chives)



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Brush baguette slices with olive oil; toast until lightly golden.
2. Mix goat cheese, lemon zest, lemon juice, honey, and salt.
3. Spread on warm crostini and finish with fresh herbs.



WESSEX HUNDRED EVENTS



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GARLIC & HERB SKIRT STEAK

paired with our Tannat-Cabernet Franc

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 2)

- 1 lb skirt steak
- 1½ tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp fresh rosemary or thyme, finely chopped



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pat steak dry. Rub evenly with olive oil, salt, pepper, garlic, and herbs.
2. Heat grill or cast-iron skillet over high heat until very hot.
3. Cook steak 3–4 minutes per side for medium-rare.
4. Rest 5 minutes, then slice thinly against the grain.



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