SUSTAINABLE SIPS WINE TASTING



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WINE GUIDE

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6:00 - 8:00 PM
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Our Philosophy

We grow over 95 percent of the grapes we use (95% of the grapes are from Madison County and 100% are Virginia-grown)- meticulously hand-tended and managed using the most diligent step-by-step process we can. You will see our primary and largest vineyard as you enter the property. On this property, we grow Viognier, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Norton, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Albarino. We also have vineyards nearby called Tana (Chardonnay, Merlot, Viognier, and Tannat) and Whetstone (Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Pinot Grigio) that we hand tend as well. The process we use has changed over time reflecting what works best on the property.

We make all our wine on-site in small batches of between 100 and 200 cases in any given vintage which means they sell out quickly and are then followed by the next vintage when it is ready. We use what nature gives us and do our best to express the terroir of rocky, mountain-edge sites.

Visit our website for more information.

Email Elizabeth for a complimentary flight at elizabeth@ducardvineyards.com

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SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES AT DUCARD VINEYARDS

Our business is based in nature, so we feel a responsibility to be good stewards of our land and our surrounding environment. We are proud to be recognized as the Greenest Winery in Virginia and have been awarded the Virginia Green Star Travel designation for most Innovative Green Program for our Sipping for Saplings initiative that enables the planting of over 2,000 trees over the years.

Here are some of the ways we accomplish sustainability at DuCard Vineyards:

- Limiting our use of chemical sprays whenever possible and utilizing organic materials, biological methods, mating disruption pheromones and other means to protect the vines.
- Grow clover under vine rows to reduce herbicide use and absorb water that helps dampen vine vigor.
- Compost grape waste by-products for use in our fields and gardens.
- Maintain a riparian buffer along the stream that adjoins the property.
- Plant wildflowers adjacent to the vineyard to encourage beneficial insects.
- Process winery wastewater using our own artificial wetland system that uses plants to filter the water of sugars and other matter.
- Use solar panels to generate green power for heating, cooling and lighting both the tasting room, winery, and for processing grapes and making the wines.
- Use reclaimed hardwoods from 100-year-old barns on our property for the flooring and bar in our tasting room.
- Support a range of nonprofit organizations through wine donations, silent auction tour and tastings, use of our facilities and related ways to give back to the broader community.
- Use local products, such as cheeses, meats, chocolates and spring water for our tasting room with reliance on the Buy Fresh Buy Local program sponsored by the Piedmont Environmental Council.
- Source locally: more than 90 percent of the capital value at DuCard comes from products, suppliers and tradesmen found within 100 miles of our property.
- Eliminate the use of plastics in our tableware. Cups, knives and forks are made of fully biodegradable corn and potato-based starches rather than petrochemicals, and plates are made from compostable recycled paper. All are US manufactured.
- Eliminate plastic water bottles. DuCard is the only Virginia winery to have done this.
- Using wine bottles that are about 20% lighter than average, requiring less fuel for shipping.
- Recycle wine bottle corks for use in flooring products through Re-Cork C'Ville, an initiative of Carpet Plus in Charlottesville.
- Supporting sustainability projects run by The Carbon Fund to offset our carbon footprint.
- Ship wine to customers using no Styrofoam packaging and using shipping services provider Vinoshipper, who is Certified Carbon Neutral.
- Help train local people in vineyard operations and management through a season-long 'adopt a row' Canopy Management class for the viticulture and enology program of Piedmont Virginia Community College.
- Provide electric car charging through a partnership with TESLA (other brands can also be recharged) – complimentary for customers. The power comes from our solar array on the tasting room.
- Click here to hear an audio interview with the founder of green.org

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RECOMMENDED TASTING ORDER

2022 WHETSTONE RUN CHARDONNAY

2021 SIGNATURE VIOGNIER

2023 SHENANDOAH

2020 XOXO

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2022 WHETSTONE RUN CHARDONNAY

100% CHARDONNAY FROM OUR WHETSTONE RUN VINEYARD. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME WE HAVE PRODUCED A VINEYARD SPECIFIC VINTAGE. FERMENTED AND AGED IN STAINLESS STEEL ON FINE LEES FOR FIVE MONTHS BEFORE BOTTLING. MADE IN THE CHABLIS STYLE, THIS WINE IS DRY WITH AROMAS OF STONE FRUIT AND A HINT OF SMOKINESS. CLEAN AND CRISP ON THE PALATE WITH NOTES OF GREEN APPLE, AND TROPICAL FRUITS. THIS WINE PAIRS WELL WITH A VARIETY OF FOODS SUCH AS FISH, SEAFOOD, BRIE, OR A SUMMER SALAD AND IS GREAT FOR SIPPING.

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2021 SIGNATURE VIOGNIER

100% VIOGNIER FROM OUR VINEYARD ON THE TASTING ROOM PROPERTY. FERMENTED THEN AGED 80% IN STAINLESS STEEL AND 20% IN NEUTRAL OAK BARRELS AND BLENDED BEFORE BOTTLING OFFERING A SMOOTH, LUXURIOUS MOUTHFEEL. VERY EXPRESSIVE WITH NOTES OF HONEYSUCKLE, WILDFLOWERS, AND PEAR. THERE IS ALSO A NATURAL SALINITY OR MINERALITY FOLLOWED BY A LOVELY BRIGHT FINISH. THIS WINE PAIRS WELL WITH A VARIETY OF FOODS SUCH CHICKEN, TURKEY OR CRABCAKES BUT IS ALSO EXCELLENT FOR SIPPING.

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2023 SHENANDOAH

100% TRAMINETTE FROM OUR VINEYARD ON THE TASTING ROOM PROPERTY. FERMENTED IN STAINLESS STEEL. FLORAL AROMA OF ROSE PETALS AND LYCHEE. NOTES OF TROPICAL FRUIT AND CITRUS. SLIGHT ACIDITY BALANCED WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF RESIDUAL SUGAR MAKING THIS WINE OFF-DRY WITH A VIBRANT FINISH. SHENANDOAH IS A PERFECT PATIO SIPPER AND PAIRS WELL WITH SLIGHTLY SPICY FOODS. THE LABEL BEARS A VINTAGE SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK POSTER, A PART OF EVERY SALE IS DONATED TO THE SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK TRUST.

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2020 XOXO

75% VIOGNIER AND 25% CHARDONNAY FROM OUR TANA VINEYARD. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME OUR WINEMAKER HAS CHOSEN THIS BLEND FOR OUR SPARKLING WINE RESULTING IN A LOVELY ROUNDNESS. THIS WINE IS BRUT STYLE, WITH LIVELY BUBBLES, AND BALANCED ACIDITY. MADE IN THE MÉTHODE TRADITIONNELLE STYLE, INDICATING A SPARKLING WINE NOT FROM THE CHAMPAGNE REGION OF FRANCE. THIS IS A TRUE CELEBRATION WINE WITH A NAME THAT STANDS FOR 'HUGS AND KISSES'.

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