



WINERY OF THE MONTH



AFTON MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

A Spectacular Autumn Setting

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A visit to Afton Mountain Vineyards is an absolute must this October to experience the panoramic mountain view amid the splendor of autumn's colors. Situated on the sunrise side of Afton Mountain, the property sits at 1000 feet elevation in a setting that explains the winery tagline, "Grapes don't grow in ugly places."

One of Virginia's first farm wineries, Afton's original vines were planted in the 1070's. Charlottesville natives, Elizabeth and Tony Smith, acquired the property in 2009 and have since purchased additional land, doubling the size of the vineyard. Currently the farm is 150 acres with 25 under vine planted with Albarino, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Tannat, Sangiovese, Petit Verdot and a bit of Muscat.

Annually, Afton Mountain typically produces some 3000 cases of wine, but they are looking at a banner year, with production shaping up to about 4000 cases. Damien Blanchon has been the winemaker since 2011 and comes from a winemaking family in the south of France.

One of just a handful of Virginia wineries with overnight accommodations, the Afton Mountain Vineyards Guest House is a two-bedroom, two-bath cottage, with screen porch which is perfect for celebrating a romantic weekend or just a relaxing getaway. Additionally, there are four Vineyard Cottages each with one bedroom, full kitchen, open living room, and front porch overlooking the vineyards and wildflower meadow.

Afton Mountain is open 7 days a week from 11-5:30. Advance reservation is required for groups of six or more. Conveniently located off Route 6, the winery is just a short drive from Wintergreen, Charlottesville and Staunton.

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Owners Elizabeth & Tony Smith



Afton Guest House

