



**WINERY OF THE MONTH**  
**JUNE 2018**



**ROSEMONT OF VIRGINIA**

*Producing wines of the finest quality that showcase a great Virginia terror.*



What was once a working commodity farm that included orchards and tobacco fields, Rosemont of Virginia is now a working farm winery celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Located along the border of Virginia and North Carolina near beautiful Lake Gaston, Rosemont cover 450 acres, with 25 acres under vine.

The land was purchased by members of the Scottish Rose Clan in 1858 and remains in the Rose family after some 160 years. In the 1970s the property served as a dairy farm and then lay dormant for 30 years, after which Stephen and Chandra Rose returned to the family land. After considerable research and consultation with Lucie Morton, noted Virginia viticulturist, Rosemont of Virginia became reality. In 2003, Stephen planted 32,000 grape vines across 22 acres.

Son Justin Rose, now Rosemont's winemaker, has a passion for making wine. Following graduation from the University of Virginia with a degree in Chemical Engineering, he returned to Rosemont. Subsequently, Justin studied viticulture and oenology at Napa Valley College and interned at O'Shaughnessy Winery. Meanwhile, construction of Rosemont's early American style winery building and state of the art, underground gravity-flow wine production facility was underway. In 2007, Justin returned to produce the first in-house vintage, and on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the family farm, bottled that first vintage in the new facility.

Rosemont currently offers 12 different wines plus additional wines exclusive to their Wine Club members. All are 100% estate grown, produced and bottled on the farm. With involvement in every aspect of winemaking, from bud break to harvest and bottling, Rosemont produces wines that showcase their unique Southern Virginia terroir. They have seen some great success in regional and national competitions, including **Best of Category for their 2015 Merlot and 2015 vintage of 1858** (the Meritage style blend for Club Members) at the 2017 Atlantic Seaboard Wine Competition, which is open to 16 states along the Eastern Seaboard.

The tranquility and natural beauty of Rosemont of Virginia make it the perfect venue for special events, from birthday parties and small, intimate gatherings to weddings and large celebrations. There are a variety of venues, both indoors and on the lawn which can be tented.



A visit to the winery is a natural for travelers from Richmond, Raleigh and Tidewater. Stop in at the Tasting Room (**voted one of Virginia Wine Lover's Favorite Tasting Rooms**) for a sample of all of the current vintages offered and a Rosemont of Virginia souvenir glass to commemorate your visit. For parties of eight or more guests, special tasting packages for private tours and tastings are offered. Bring a picnic lunch or enjoy baguettes, and a selection of meats and cheeses, available for purchase. And, don't miss visiting the Art Gallery which showcases the talents of local artists.

Upcoming events at Rosemont of Virginia include the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosemont Wine & Art Festival**, scheduled for June 16 and highlighting over 30 fine artists and exhibitors. Paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, woodworking and more will be on view, and there will be great food options. The **2018 Summer Concert Series** kicked off on Memorial Day

weekend and continues on July 6 for Independence Day Weekend, and on September 1 for Labor Day Weekend. Mark your calendar for these great musical holiday events.

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