

2016 MOUNTAIN PLAINS

AVA: Monticello VINEYARD: King Family Vineyards VARIETY: 36% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 29% Petit Verdot ABV: 14.3% | pH: 3.69 | TA: 5.1 | VA: 0.9 BOTTLED: June 2018 | PRODUCTION: 170 cases Price \$69.95

History

The name Mountain Plains was first written in a deed drafted in 1773 by Thomas Jefferson to transfer the ownership of a land grant farm established in 1737. Roseland Farm, the home of King Family Vineyards, now sits on part of that original land grant. We hope to honor this heritage with an expression of our terroir and of our history by bottling this small snapshot in the centuries long story of the place that we call home.

WINEMAKING

After careful selection of the ripest fruit from our vineyard, the grapes were hand-sorted and then destemmed. Based on varietal characteristics, the wines underwent four to eight weeks of maceration in open-top, concrete fermentation tanks to extract color, tannin, and concentration. After pressing, the wines were aged separately for 22 months in new barrels from the Tronçais forest in Central France, specially selected for their tight grained wood to impart fine tannins, and a well integrated oak profile. After blending, the wines continued to age to encourage marriage between the base varieties. Rich, dense layers of complexity and a powerful sense of structure promises a wine that will reward extended cellaring.

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