



# Exploring The Virginia Wine Collective

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October is Virginia  
Wine Month!

<https://www.virginiawine.org/virginia-wine-month>

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Head Winemaker at Virginia Wine Collective

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At least that's how Jake told me to do it!



## Virginia Wine Collective - Wine Studios, Incubator, and Tasting Room -

- Wine production facility established by Eastwood Farm and Winery in Charlottesville, VA
  - Former Michael Shaps Wineworks building
- Goal: Make it easier for new and independent winemakers to get started
- Nine “suites” for independent winemakers to anchor their Virginia ABC licenses
- Dedicated space with a private entrance, floor drain, and secure storage
- Shared production equipment, tanks, bottling lines, and filtration systems

[Virginia Wine Collective – Eastwood Farm and Winery](#)



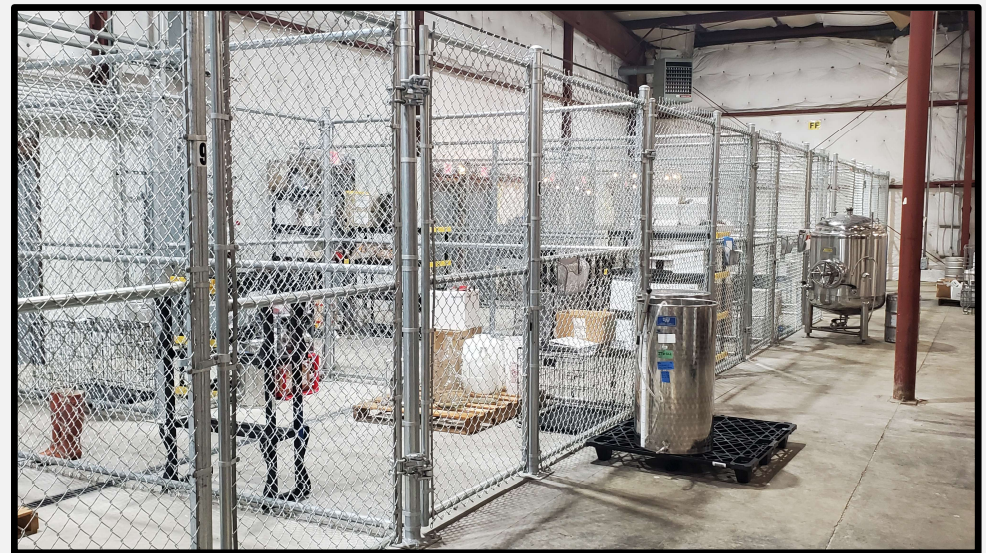


## Production Facility and Barrel Storage





## Winemaker “Suites”





## Tonight's Virginia Wine Collective Members



Jake Busching

Virginia Wine Collective  
Eastwood Farm & Winery  
Jake Busching Wines  
Delve Wines



Joy Ting

Joy Ting Wines



Erin & Sandy Robertson

Dogwood & Thistle Wine Co.



Julie Linker

Delve Wines  
(Owner)



# Wine Tasting Flight

## The Whites

- 2023 The Cheninquisition
  - Jake Busching Wines
  - 100% Chenin Blanc
- 2024 Aurora
  - Delve Wines
  - 80% Roussanne and 20% Albariño
- 2023 Reisling
  - Dogwood & Thistle Wine Co.
  - 100% Reisling

## The Reds

- 2022 amuse
  - A Joy Ting wine
  - 100% Cabernet Franc
- 2017 Tannat
  - Jake Busching Wines
  - 100% Tannat
- 2022 Petit Verdot
  - Eastwood Farm and Winery
  - 100% Petit Verdot

Food By Terri



# 2023 The Cheninquisition

- Jake Busching Wines -

- 100% Chenin Blanc
- Aged four months in stainless steel
  - 11.5% ABV
- Beacon Tree Vineyards, Keswick, VA
  - 200 cases
- Tasting: Medium acidity, minerally, apricot, melon, honey



## 2024 Aurora

- Delve Wines, Lovington, VA -

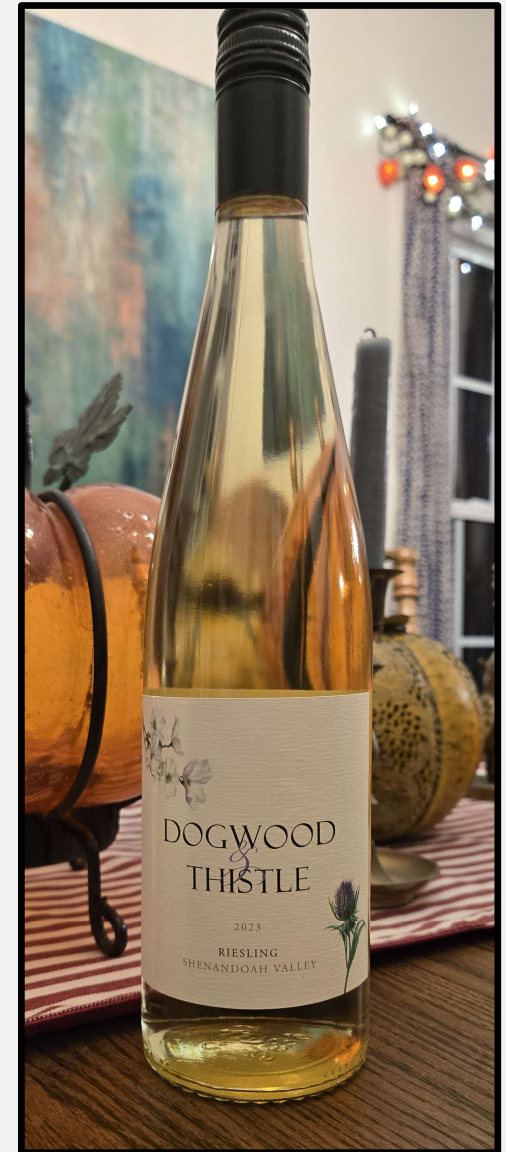
- 80% Roussanne and 20% Albariño
  - Aged in neutral oak
  - 12.4% ABV
- Colombe Vineyards, Leon, VA
  - 97 cases
- “Life of the party. Crushes at croquet and dominates cornhole.”
- Tasting: Green apple, citrus, lime



## 2023 Reisling

- Dogwood & Thistle, Shenandoah Valley, VA -

- 100% Reisling
- Aged in neutral oak and stainless
  - 12.2% ABV
- Ox-Eye Vineyards, Swoope, VA
  - 139 cases
- Classic, dry Riesling with minerality on the nose. Slate and candied lemon on palate





# 2022 Cabernet Franc

- A Joy Ting wine -

- 100% Cabernet Franc
- Aged in French and American Oak
  - 13.3% ABV
- Shenandoah Valley, VA
  - ??? cases
- Cranberry, cherry, plum, raspberry



## 2017 Tannat

- Jake Busching Wines -

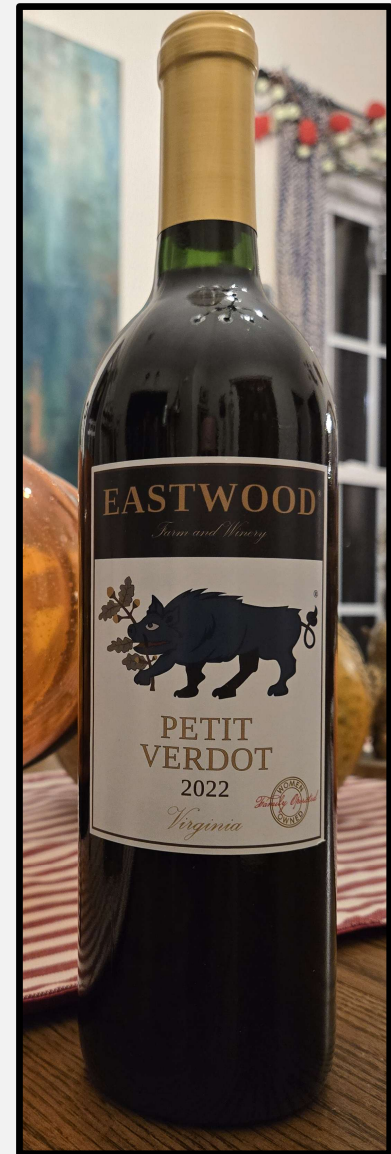
- 100% Tannat
- Aged in new and neutral barrels for 20 months
  - French and 15% Minnesota Oak
  - Bottle aged for four years
  - 13.6% ABV
- Honah Lee Vineyards, Orange County, VA
  - 125 cases
- Oak, black licorice, cinnamon, a little spice



# 2022 Petit Verdot

- Eastwood Farm and Winery -

- 100% Petit Verdot
- Aged in new and neutral barrels for 20 months
  - 12.5% ABV
  - ??? Vineyard
  - ??? cases
- Tasting: Lilac, violet, and black cherry







## Voting

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Favorite White, Favorite Red, Best of the Night



## Pricing (Wine Club Discounts Available)

Wine	Price	Recognition
2023 The Cheninquisition	\$33	Favorite White
2024 Aurora	\$36	
2023 Reisling	\$34	
2022 amuse	\$37	
2017 Tannat	\$45	Favorite Red & Best of the Night
2022 Petit Verdot	\$35	

## Never Know Who Might Walk In...



Jake Busching and Dave Drillock (Owner of 53<sup>rd</sup> Winery in Louisa, VA)