



More than a tag line, "It's About the Wine" has been the way of the wine at Pearmund Cellars since it opened in 2003. As you approach the Fauquier County winery, driving between established Chardonnay vines--in fact, they are the oldest Chardonnay vines in Virginia-- you know that you are headed for a wine experience totally focused on quality and consistency.

Owner Chris Pearmund and Executive Winemaker Ashton Lough, one of the most decorated wine teams on the East Coast, produce award-winning wines year after year. Chris has been a mainstay in the Virginia wine industry since 1984, managing or consulting with a number of vineyards across the state, as well as working with wineries just getting their start.

The Tasting Room consistently offers 10 to 12 wines, including the buttery, oaky Old Vine Chardonnay and the rich, robust Bordeaux blend Ameritage. Pearmund's extensive portfolio of wines includes a dessert finish with the Late Harvest Traminette. For a little sweetness, try the 2014 Riesling (there is a dry version as well). For a red wine that is "jammy" with a robust finish, the 2012 Petit Verdot is recommended.

In the foothills of eastern Fauquier County, Pearmund Cellars is conveniently close to Northern Virginia and Washington, DC. The 7500 square foot geothermal winery is located on a farm that dates back to the 1740s. The vineyard was established in 1976 and originally hosted nine different grape varieties. Today, it's all about Chardonnay which has proven to be the most successful varietal for the terroir. There are 11,000 vines of Chardonnay, cultivars or clones of Chardonnay cultivated on 15 acres.



Pearmund also sources from premier vineyards that specialize in one particular varietal. In addition to Chardonnay, the winery produces Viognier, Riesling, Late Harvest Vidal, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Ameritage.

The Tasting Room at Pearmund Cellars is surrounded by picturesque views and offers a warm, friendly ambience for tasting and relaxing. Outside, picnic tables are placed under large shade trees adjacent to the Chardonnay vines. Light fare, wine-related gifts and local artwork are offered for sale.

Following a tasting of Pearmund wines, visitors consistently comment that they "like every wine" and they compliment the knowledgeable and friendly tasting staff. Add attractiveness of the location, and it's apparent why Pearmund Cellars is voted Top

Tasting Room by subscribers to the Official Virginia Wine Lover (www.vawinelover.com).



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