

# TODD'S PRIVATE CELLAR

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2007

## MERLOT

2007 was our very first vintage of Merlot. With just a few bottles remaining, this is one of our most exclusive wines in the Hawk Haven library. This wine has been in the bottle for 10+ years, and surely showing signs of age with abundant earthiness and dried fruit characteristics.  
Drink now through 2021

2010

## TALON

Talon is our Super Tuscan inspired blend. Super Tuscan wines are blends that include varietals non-indigenous to the Tuscany region. Our Talon uses french varietals Merlot and Syrah, blended with Italian Sangiovese. The result is an elegant, full-bodied wine with deep red fruit flavors and robust tannins. It is also a wine that ages well, as you can see with our 2010 vintage.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

2010 is our third vintage of this star-studded blend. On the nose, strawberry, mango, exotic spices. Mouth-rich, long fruit-driven finish, mouth-filling yet subtle tannins.  
Drink now through 2025

## QUILL

2010 is our second vintage of this classic Bordeaux blend. Structure with grace and power.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: On the nose, dried leaves, flower petals of rose and violet. Mouth-rich blackberry, sweet cherry core, and a long, pretty finish of blueberry pie.  
Drink now through 2025

## SIG. SERIES PETIT VERDOT

Our 2010 Petit Verdot is one of our most sought after wines in the library. Petit Verdot is known for ripening much later than other varietals, so success with it on the East Coast does not come without struggle. Generally added to blends in smaller amounts to add tannin, color, flavor, and to stiffen the mid-palate, this single varietal Petit Verdot is the pride of our winemaker.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Aromas of rosewood and coffee and flavors of mocha and berries with rustic tannins. Pair with roast duck.  
Drink now through 2025

2013

## MERLOT

Awards: This vintage earned a bronze medal in the 2016 New Jersey Wine Competition.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Mission fig, black currant, dried cherry, elderberry, clove and cinnamon on the nose. Dried cherry, red currant, blackberry, bakers chocolate and vanilla delight the palate. The finish is strong with dark toasted barrel notes, slate, clove and nutmeg spices, fresh herbs and bright minerality.  
Drink now through 2022

## QUILL

Bordeaux; Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant.

Awards: Earned a Bronze medal at the 2015 New Jersey Wine Competition.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Very intense cinnamon, spiced apple, and cherry cobbler on the nose. Notes of black currant, anise, and wild blueberry. Hints of tobacco. Well-integrated tannins of Cabernet Sauvignon and French oak start to take hold, bringing a long finish of cherry cobbler and baker's chocolate.  
Drink now through 2026

## TALON

Very Italian wine. Fruit is elegant and refined with a thread of Sangiovese at the start, then it picks up with darker fruit and a richer mouth feel from middle to finish.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: On

the nose, black licorice, strawberry jam, raspberry, and green tobacco leaf. Notes of raspberry and strawberry on the front palate, with a mid-palate of rich plum and a finish of vanilla spice.  
Drink now through 2028

2009

## MERLOT

A classic Merlot. Medium-to-full bodied. Very Bordeaux in nature. Fine tannins.

Awards: Silver medal by World Wine Championship and a bronze medal in the International Finger Lakes Wine Competition.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Dried cherry, dried lavender and rose petal flavors float in a creamy texture with an excellent balance. This wine received an 88 point rating with a high recommendation by the Beverage Testing Institute: "Ruby red color. Aromas of plum pudding and tomato chutney with a chewy, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a nice kiss of vanilla and peppery spices on the gentle finish."  
Drink now through 2022

## TALON

Our second vintage of this star-studded Tuscan inspired blend.

Awards: 2012 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition Bronze Medal.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: Our

second vintage of this star-studded blend. Aromas of blackberry, strawberry jam and camphor. Jammy flavors and a rich, sweet entry give way to a long finish of wild strawberry. Pair this wine with a juicy steak and you will be left begging for more.  
Drink now through 2022

2011

## MERLOT

This Merlot is reminiscent of Old World Merlot in nature, specifically the Pomeol region of Bordeaux. It is smooth, approachable and capable of aging, as seen with our 2011 vintage

Drink now through 2022

2012

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Plucked from the most mature vines of our vineyard, our estate Cabernet Sauvignon is the winemakers favored varietal. The fruit was hand-picked, gently destemmed, then fermented with as many whole berries as possible to preserve the delicate fruit flavors and aromas. Aged for 24 months French oak.

Awards: Won a Bronze medal at the 2015 New Jersey State Wine Competition.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Mouth- chocolate covered amarena cherries. Nice acid, tannin play on finish. Try with Filet Mignon sauce au poivre, dolce gorgonzola, caramelized onions.  
Drink now through 2025

## Q

2012 is our third vintage of this classic Bordeaux blend. Structure with grace and power.

Awards: Won a Bronze medal at the 2015 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition and a Bronze medal at the 2015 New Jersey State Wine Competition.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: On

the nose, cassis, dark wood and cinnamon. Mouth- full-flavored and beautifully balanced black fruits with deep, velvety finish. Pair this wine with a big, grilled meat or a lamb chop.  
Drink now through 2025

2015

## QUILL

Being a Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend, this vintage is developing in the bottle but can be further bottle aged 5-8 years. It has ample tannin and acidity to mature in the bottle.

Fallen leaves and wild cherry fill out the aromas. The palate has notes of red currant, fresh herbs, and tobacco leaf. The wine finishes with balanced acidity and robust tannins.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Aromas of cinnamon, rose petal, violets, red currant and blackberry on the nose. Mint, violet flower, cinnamon stick and black cherry to delight the palate. On the finish, fruit fades off and big barrel flavors of cinnamon and tobacco leaf grip the palate and give a great mouth feel and flavor.

Drink now through 2027

## SIG. SERIES SYRAH

Like our Signature Series Viognier, the Syrah traces its origins to the Rhone region of France.

Ever since the 2013 vintage, we have been making the Syrah with a time old tradition of co-fermenting with a small percentage of Viognier to create a more elegant wine.

Awards: Earned a silver medal at the 2017 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Aromas of white pepper, white flowers, strawberry, blue slate, limestone, raspberry, red apple skin, and bing cherry on the nose. High minerality, lots of tannins, white, pink and black peppercorn, red apple skin, and raspberry delight the palate. Finishing with a lingering tannin, spicy pepper notes, white flowers, and a mild oak toast.

Drink now through 2025

## SIG. SERIES TEMPRANILLO

18 months French oak. Typical of Spanish Tempranillo- this wine will age well.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: Blue slate, limestone, violet, jasmine, loads of blueberry, elderberry and boysenberry on the nose. Huckleberry, boysenberry, blueberry and eucalyptus delight the palate. Bright fruit and violet to finish.

Drink now through 2027

## SIG. SERIES CABERNET FRANC

Although it's known for its place in Bordeaux blends, Hawk Haven soil produces an impressive single varietal CF wine with a darker pigmentation and bolder flavors than most.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: Aged 19 months in French Oak this wine opens with strawberry, mint, rose petal and pomegranate on the nose. Red apple skin, spiced apple, mint and black plum on the palate. A fruit and tannin finish.

Drink now through 2025

2017

## SIG. SERIES RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the most popular red wine varietals in the world. It is

known for its well structured tannins, complexity and age-ability. We are lucky enough to have a special micro-climate here in Cape May to produce such age-worthy cabs. While also drinking well now, this Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is wine we believe to be worthy of holding on to.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: Red cherry, cinnamon and tobacco on the nose, with raspberry and eucalyptus on the palate. It finishes with lingering acidity, and smooth tannins.

Drink now through 2030

2014

## SIG. SERIES CABERNET FRANC

Aged 18 months in French Oak. 100% Single varietal Cabernet Franc.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Plum, blueberry, and dried leaves on the nose. The palate features black currant, blackberry, and red apple skins. It finishes with earthy notes turning into a round and smooth wine. Drink now through 2024

## QUILL

A Merlot-dominant vintage. This vintage is starting to show developmental flavors of bottle age, rich dried fruits and subtle earthiness. Dried fig and herbal aromas on the nose, complemented by a palate of dried cherry, black currant and blue slate. Silky tannins and soft acidity on the finish.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: This

vintage opens up with cinnamon, nutmeg, blackberry, fresh fig, and cherry on the nose. Then, carries into a wonderful balance of cherry, red currant, red apple skin, and raspberry on the palate. This vintage finishes with baker's chocolate, vanilla, and hints of tobacco leaf.

Drink now through 2024

## SIG. SERIES MALBEC

The first single varietal of Malbec produced by Hawk Haven.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

Intense aroma of violet, lavender, rose petal and cinnamon on the nose. Strawberry, rhubarb, dried cherry, pomegranate and baking dark chocolate delight the palate. This full bodied wine finished short with low grape tannins and lingering flavors of white pepper, eucalyptus & cacao nib.

Drink now through 2025

2016

## SIG. SERIES SYRAH

Our 2016 Syrah was fermented with Viognier skins, a special technique used in France's Northern Rhône Valley, which adds to this wine's complexities. from start to finish.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: The

nose shows beautiful floral aromas of vanilla orchid and wildflower. The palate reveals cherry cola, vanilla, red plum and pink peppercorn, and finishes with plush tannins. The floral notes bring character to the fruit and spice of the Syrah grape.

Drink now through 2026

## TALON

Talon is our Super Tuscan inspired blend.

Super Tuscan wines are blends that include varietals non-indigenous to the Tuscany region, so typically French varietals such as Merlot and Syrah, blended with native to Italy varietals like Sangiovese.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release:

This Tuscan inspired blend has abundant deep red fruit aromas, with an elegant full bodied mouth feel and robust tannins. On the nose, a subtle spiciness of clove and cardamom open up this wine followed by pink peppercorn and rose petal. Rich, bright fruits envelop the palate with raspberry, red currant, cranberry, and a lingering finish of cordial cherries and vanilla.

Drink now through 2028

## MERLOT

Aged for 18 month in French Oak.

Winemaker's Notes from Time of Release: The

aromas start with notes of blueberry, pomegranate and eucalyptus. With ample velvety tannins, the palate conveys red cherry, raspberry, and thyme. The finish lingers with a slight smokiness and plentiful fruit.

Drink now through 2024

