

Long Looked For Come At Last



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Long Looked for Come At Last Vineyard grapes are featured in our Vidal and our Breton Bay Breeze wines.

The Byrne and Conrad families operate the *Long Looked for Come at Last* 245 acre farm off of Golden Beach Road in Mechanicsville, Maryland. Gerald Byrne, part of the third generation of the family farm, toured the Mediterranean with his family during his teens and came back from that experience with a desire one day to work in his own vineyard. After several years researching and consulting with the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension, Gerald proposed growing wine grapes to the family.



In 2004, the family put in their proofing acre, testing 9 different varieties of grapes. After careful study, the family determined the vineyard would start with a commercial acre of Vidal Blanc and a half acre of Viognier. In 2009, an acre each of Barbera and Petit Verdot was added with the help of family and friends. In 2011, an acre each of Albarino and Merlot were planted.

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Main grape varieties:

Vidal Blanc – Vidal Blanc is a productive white wine grape with small berries borne on very large, compact tapering clusters. Late spring bud break, good cold hardiness, and well suited for a variety of climatic and soil conditions.

Barbera - Produces good yields, and is known for deep color, low tannins, and high acidity when grown in hot climates. Barbera produces an intense red wine, with a fruity, floral nose and distinct flavor of red fruits and black cherries.

Petite Verdot – This is one of the classic Bordeaux varieties. It matures late and has poor winter hardiness. It has good wine quality and adds complexity to red wine blends. Good for small trials on the best sites.

Viognier - The Viognier grape is a type of white grape of unknown origin, but is presumed to have French origin by its use in these lands. Perhaps its most important characteristic is its difficult cultivation, a fact which makes it more valuable and protagonist only of great wines, especially the Condrieu French wine from the Rhone Valley.

Merlot – Produces large yields of high quality fruit. Medium size, round, deep black fruit can make an outstanding varietal and is an integral component of Bordeaux blends.

Albarino - considered to many as the premier quality white wine in Spain, where it is the primary grape used to make dry wines. Wines made from Albarino are very aromatic with scents of almonds, apples, peaches, citrus, and flowers or grass.