

Welcome to
CHATEAU Z
vineyard

*Chateau Z vineyard
is the perfect source of grapes
for all your eating, cooking,
and winemaking needs.*

*All our products
are grown and produced
on our farm
in Amherst County, Virginia.*

—CLIFF AMBERS, OWNER-OPERATOR
CHATEAU Z VINEYARD

With over 200 grape varieties, old favorites as well as newer hybrid wine and seedless varieties, I provide my patrons with:

- ✿ unique wines, made from hybrid grapes best adapted to my site
- ✿ grapes for eating, cooking, canning, preserving, and winemaking
- ✿ grape cuttings, custom-bred seeds, and pollen for breeding when in season
- ✿ other fruits and vegetables in season
- ✿ jellies and hot sauce

ABOUT THE “Z”

The “Z” in Chateau Z is a tribute to my father Anthony who inspired my love for growing things. Tony, as he was known, was born a “Zamborsky.” He changed his name to “Ambers” after WWII because during the war he received his paycheck—distributed in alphabetical order—after all the other sailors. He didn’t want his kids to end up at the end of the line all the time, either.

Equally inspirational of my love of things botanical is my mother Carol who has gardened tirelessly as long as I can remember. She is always thrilled at growing new plants that thrive under her care.



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*New grapes and
artisan wines
that belong here...*



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THE VINEYARD

Chateau Z Vineyard is on two acres of southwest facing hillside east of Tobacco Row Mountain in central Virginia. My hybrid grapes thrive on the hill and produce fruit of great intensity.

THE WINERY

I produce high-quality, hand crafted wines only from my own grapes. My wines are unique in the world. No filtering and liberal use of local white oak contribute their incomparable character.

WHERE TO PURCHASE OUR PRODUCE

I sell our grapes and other produce at the Lynchburg Farmer's Market and by appointment at the farm. Call or e-mail to set up a purchase.

The farm is not open to the general public and children under 18 and pets are not permitted due to our high voltage electric deer fencing.



THE GRAPES

Here is a summary of the varieties in our vineyard:

- ✿ Over 200 varieties of cultivated grapes including my new local wild grape hybrids, American labrusca hybrids, and French-American wine hybrids.
- ✿ Eight pure grape species including *Vitis aestivalis*, *Vitis cinerea*, *Vitis cordifolia*, *Vitis labrusca*, *Vitis riparia*, *Vitis rupestris*, *Vitis rotundifolia* and *Vitis vinifera*.

See our web site for a complete list.

THE WINE

Unlike typical large vineyards with few varieties, my small vineyard with many lends itself to field blends of compatible grapes harvested at their peak of ripeness to produce incredibly rich, full-bodied wines that demand a second taste to fully appreciate.

WILD GRAPES & GRAPE BREEDING

I am working toward a new, Old Eastern Viticulture that is based on local disease-tolerant native grapes. This approach was pioneered by T. V. Munson at the turn of the last century. Not only should this make for better adapted wines, it will also lead to better vineyard safety and reduce the pesticide load entering the environment.

As part of my grape breeding, I collect select wild grapes to bring into the vineyard and hybridize with cultivars best suited to the cause. If you know of a wild vine in central Virginia that you think is unique, let me know. I would love to come and see it, preferably when the fruit is ripe.

Whether you're interested in growing a few unique vines in your yard or starting an entire vineyard, contact me to find out if my new resistant vines might meet your needs.

