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2011 Cabernet Franc Icewine VQA Ontario

GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST

Southern Ontario saw normal weather conditions across grape growing regions with slightly higher than average rainfall going into June. No late frosts were experienced however due to the lower than average sunshine hours bud break and crop maturation was delayed by about two weeks. By mid June temperatures were at more normal temperatures and moving into July and August the wine growing regions experienced sunny, warm and dry conditions ideal for grape ripening. By late August and into September the grapes were back on schedule, with some varieties ahead of ripening schedule. September saw heavy rainfall which made harvest a challenge for winemakers in the region. Despite these conditions the grapes that were brought in were in good condition. Temperatures stayed mild into November allowing harvest to extent into the later fall. Most varieties ripened perfectly with optimum sugar levels and overall the vintage is expected to produce some interesting and complex wines.
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TASTING NOTES

The Cabernet Franc Icewine has a rich aromatic nose of strawberry, cranberry and cherry. The palate has deeper, more complex flavours of bell pepper that balances the sweetness. This sweet wine is well balanced with good acidity in the finish. Serve chilled to approximately 12°C. Excellent on its own or when paired with a fresh strawberry tart, cherry cheesecake or chocolate mousse.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The frozen Cabernet Franc grapes were harvested in late January at temperatures between -10° C and -12° C. After settling the juice, cool fermentation was completed in mid-February when the wine was placed outdoors to stop fermentation and to complete natural cold stabilization. The wine was filtered and then bottled.

TECHNICAL DATA

Sugar at Harvest: 36.4° Brix
Alcohol by Volume: 10.5%

Residual Sugar: 200 g/L

AVAILABILITY

Winery

PRICE

\$65.00

SIZE

375mL

SUGAR CODE

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