



# 2014 Cabernet Merlot

VQA Ontario

## GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST

- ❖ Weather conditions were unusually cold and snowy during the first few months of 2014. May brought a return to more average temperatures, June and July remained cooler which allowed for slow, steady maturation of the vines and grapes.
- ❖ August was relatively average in temperature and September finally brought enough sun and warm temperatures to push the grapes to maturity.
- ❖ Harvest began about 10 days later than normal but was helped along by a good long stretch of dry, sunny weather. This carried in to October allowing all grapes to ripen and come in before the rather quick onset of colder fall temperatures.
- ❖ 2014 was an interesting year with some significant weather variations through the growing season however, as is often the case, nature eventually found a balance by the end of the season

## WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

- ❖ Selected and harvested from high quality Ontario vineyards
- ❖ Gently pressed in pneumatic style presses
- ❖ Fermented on the skins for 14 days
- ❖ Aged in French and American oak barrels for 10 months
- ❖ Cold stabilized before being sent to bottling line

## WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Inviting ruby in colour, this food friendly wine displays vibrant aromas of cherry and ripe, red berry fruits. The light oak aging comes through on the palate with light vanilla note complemented by cranberry, licorice and black pepper. Well structured with delicate tannins and a well balanced acidity leading to a medium finish.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Try this wine with grilled beef kebobs, gourmet burgers (try lamb or bison burgers) or serve with a selection of hard cheeses such as blue cheese, Asiago, and fresh parmesan.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 12.5%

Blend Ratio: 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

## RETAIL PRICE

\$11.95 (including deposit)

\$19.95 (including deposit)

\$202.45 (+\$50 deposit)

## SUGAR

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## SIZE

750mL

1.5L

19.5L Keg

## LCBO CSPC#

6395

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