



## BORDER VINES 2013

VARIETIES: 32% MERLOT, 25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,  
21% MALBEC, 18% PETIT VERDOT,  
4% CARMENERE  
PRODUCTION: 1710 CASES  
ALC./VOL.: 14.2%  
OTHER: PH 3.7, TA: 6.0 G/L, RS: 2.5G/L

### VINEYARD

The Osoyoos East Bench is the source for all of our fruit. For this wine, we worked with the fruit from five distinct vineyard plots, all located within a short tractor ride of one another. These vineyards are all class 1 sites with excellent south or west slope and aspect. The soil type of each vineyard varies slightly, but they can still all be classed as sandy to loamy-sand in composition.

### WINEMAKING

We were fortunate to be granted a glorious growing season in 2013. Farming being what it is however, we hedged our bets by carefully managing our crop load to ensure that fluctuations in weather throughout the growing season wouldn't negatively impact our fruit quality.

Each varietal component was fermented separately in our 5000L stainless steel fermenting tanks. Pumpovers were performed three times daily. Once fermentation was complete, the wines were settled, racked and returned to tank for their full malolactic fermentation. Upon completion of the secondary fermentation, the wines were re-racked and transferred to barrels. The barrels used were all 225L barriques and approximately a third of the coo-perage consisted of new French oak.

The individual component wines were racked from barrel and blended in early February of 2015. Bottling took place in March of 2015.

### TASTING NOTES

In the glass, this wine is a deep, dusky purple. On the nose, dark cherries and ripe blackberries dominate. These aromas are joined by notes of cedar, blackcurrants, tobacco, leather and wild blueberry.

The palate follows the nose with more ripe cherry and blackberry. Additional characteristics of warm cedar, tobacco leaf, cocoa, wild blueberries and allspice make this wine very well rounded. The texture is plush yet silky, and is supported by a well-integrated, refined tannin structure. The finish is long and intense.

