



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013

VARIETIES: 86% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 14% MERLOT  
PRODUCTION: 202 CASES  
ALC./VOL.: 14.2%  
OTHER: PH 3.65, TA: 6.3 G/L, RS: 1.8G/L

### VINEYARD

The fruit for this wine was grown in four vineyard blocks located on the Osoyoos East Bench. The vines are of varying age, and all the vineyards are Class 1 sites with excellent southwest aspect and slope. The soil is loamy sand with a silica and granite composition.

2013 was an excellent growing season in the South Okanagan and the quality of the fruit we harvested reflected that – the berries showed both physiological ripeness as well as wonderful flavor development.

We harvested the fruit for this wine quite late, October 26 through November 5th, and the average sugar content at harvest was approximately 24.6 brix.

### WINEMAKING

The 2012 growing season in the South Okanagan was textbook perfect and our vineyard blocks thrived throughout. As every year, we carefully managed our cropping levels to ensure no late season weather fluctuations would compromise the quality of our fruit.

The wines were fermented separately, in our 5,000 L stainless steel fermenters, with a thrice daily pumpover protocol. Once fermentation was complete, the wines were settled, racked and returned to tank. The wines then underwent a full malolactic fermentation in tank and were re-racked and transferred to

barrels upon completion. The barrels used were all 225L barriques and approximately a third of the cooperage consisted of new French oak.

The individual component wines were racked from barrel and blended in early February of 2014. Bottling took place on April 10, 2014.

### TASTING NOTES

This cabernet sauvignon is a dry, medium to full bodied wine an intense nose of black currant, blackberry as well as plum and sweet bell pepper. On the palate, the lush notes of black fruit continue, along those of leather, black currant tea leaves and spicy wood.

The round silky tannins and fresh acidity provide a well balanced structure to the juicy and ripe fruit profile of this wine.

This is a wine that drinks well now, but would evolve nicely in the bottle over the next three to five years.

