

Merlot 2009

VQA Ontario

\$16.95 / 750 mL

Vineyard

Sourced entirely from our estate vineyard, planted in 2000 on silt loam. Total area is 1.18 acres (0.48 hectares). Grapes were harvested on October 19th, 2009 at a volume of 2.12 tonnes/acre.

Winery

Grapes were destemmed, and co-inoculated for primary and secondary fermentations (alcoholic and malolactic). Maceration took place over the course of 11 days before grapes were pressed. Wine was subsequently aged for about 12 months in a combination of five once-used French oak barrels and one American. Wine was racked, fined and filtered prior to bottling. Sealed under natural cork.

Bottle Statistics

Varietal Content: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 12.5% alc./vol.

Bottled On: April 8th, 2011

Cases Produced: 138

Tasting Notes (4/14/2011)

Dense black-purple colour with moderate viscosity. Nose is healthy and lifted with aromas of violets, spice, plums and blackberries. The rounded mouth has soft tannins, balanced acidity and moderate alcohol. A very safe purchase for Merlot drinkers. Consider serving most red meats: the tannins are appropriate for protein; the flavours are compatible with many sauces and grilling-methods.

