

ESTATES

2015 Black Label Cabernet Merlot

VQA Niagara Peninsula

GROWING SEASON & HARVEST

- Weather conditions were unusually cold and dry in January followed by a brutally cold February that brought more snow than normal and shattered low temperature records across the province.
- March continued to be colder than normal resulting in a lot of anxiety about potential crop damage. Luckily temperatures picked up and were relatively normal in April and May
- ❖ The summer growing season brought excellent conditions with few major storms and sunny warm weather in the Niagara region.
- Fall weather settled nicely into warm beautiful conditions for the start of harvest except for some rainy periods but overall the weather was favourable.
- 2015 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.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Dense red in colour, this medium to full-bodied Cabernet Merlot displays rich aromas of chocolate and leather intermingling with blackberries and a touch of spice. The palate has complex flavours of dark berry, spicy cedar, tobacco and herb notes. This wine will further develop with up to five or six years aging.

TECHNICAL DATA

Cabernet Sauvignon 38%, Merlot 33% & Cabernet Franc 29% Alcohol by Volume: 13%

FOOD PAIRINGS

Pair with a steak, hot off the grill and topped with roasted red peppers and grilled onions or with gourmet pizza!

PRICE	SIZE	SUGAR
\$19.95	750 mL	(O)

