

## ESTATES

# 2015 Black Label Cabernet Shiraz

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.
- ❖ The summer growing season brought excellent conditions with few major storms and sunny warm weather in the Niagara region.

Luckily temperatures picked up and were relatively normal in April and May

- ❖ 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

### **WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES**

- ❖ Harvested from high quality vineyards in the Niagara Peninsula
- Gently pressed in pneumatic style bladder presses
- Fermented on the skins in stainless steel tanks for 12 days
- ❖ Aged in French and American oak barrels for 12 months
- Cold stabilized and filtered before bottling at our facility

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

This wine is a blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz, which displays notes of black currant, dark cherry, raspberry & a hint of black pepper spice on the finish.

## **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Try this wine with a hearty meat pie, or Chorizo with roasted red peppers and olives.

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Residual Sugar: 5.2 g/L