

# 2014 Eddy's Blend

# VQA Niagara Peninsula

#### **GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST**

- Weather conditions were unusually cold and snowy during the first few months of 2014. May brought a return to more average temperatures, June and July remained cooler which allowed for slow, steady maturation of the vines and grapes.
- August was relatively average in temperature and September finally brought enough sun and warm temperatures to push the grapes to maturity.
- Harvest began about 10 days later than normal but was helped along by a good long stretch of dry, sunny weather. This carried in to October allowing all grapes to ripen and come in before the rather quick onset of colder fall temperatures.
- ❖ 2014 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

- Selected and harvested from high quality Niagara vineyards
- Gently pressed in pneumatic style presses
- Fermented on the skins for 30 days in stainless steel tanks
- Varietals were aged separately in oak barrels, then blended and put back in oak barrel to age further

# **WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES**

This Cabernet Merlot blend is full bodied and rich boasting notes of cherry, coffee beans and blackberry on the nose. The palate echoes with notes of plum, cassis and mocha undertones.

Can be cellared for 5-7 years.

## **FOOD SUGGESTIONS**

Try this wine with herb-crusted rack of lamb or pappardelle pasta with a wild boar ragu.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol by Volume: 13.0%

**PRICE** \$1**ZE** \$24.95 750mL

