



Harvest Specifications

Variety	Harvest Date	Brix	Titrateable Acidity g/L	pH	Wine %
Dornfelder	Oct 12	20.8°	7.6	3.32	52.3%
Cabernet Franc	Oct 27	23.0°	5.5	3.43	24.5%
Gamay Noir	Oct 3	21.6°	9.3	3.20	15.1%
Lemberger	Oct 2	21.5°	9.7	3.17	8.1%

Wine Analysis

Alcohol %vol.	Titrateable Acidity g/L	pH	Residual Sugar g/L	Production
13.1%	7.2	3.55	<2.0 g/L	300 cases

The marvelous 2020 growing season and harvest was nearly perfect in all vine-related respects in Niagara. Wines that practically made themselves with perfect balance and proportions. This inaugural vintage of an all estate grown – but quite eclectic blend, represents what is beautiful about a terroir specific blend. The dense, dark, blackberry fruit of Dornfelder is a rare treat of a variety here in Niagara, but on its own it would be a less complex wine and a bit soft in tannins. So adding to the platter of this wine we bring other “goodies”. The Cabernet Franc brings a ripe and full palate with rich, fine-grained tannins and a touch raspberry fruit. Gamay adds black pepper-spice, forest floor and bright cherry fruit. Lemberger? Another grape that is a rarity here in Niagara, also called Blaufränkisch. A beautiful dark plummy colour and nose for this wine also supports with fine tannins and a touch of acidity.

Why all of this in one wine? ... First of all they are eclectic but well suited blend partners. Stories like this exist all around the world ... Think of Australia’s Cabernet and Shiraz blends, or the wines of the Rhone or Bordeaux. Terroir driven blends are traditional and well understood as the key to a region or a site. The tradition we are interested in supporting with this blend puts the blend at the pinnacle of the hierarchy rather than the single variety. This gives the winemaker flexibility and drives a terroir-driven style.

Entirely fermented in stainless steel as separate varietals, then blended and barreled down for 18 months in French and American oak barrels, mainly used barrels that are milder in their flavour contribution but still important in the development or elevage of the wine.

This wine is intended as a unique statement. Appealing to those wine enthusiasts that love unique wines that are fresh, delicious, textured and age-worthy, - yet still exhibits this vineyard and our region in such an interesting and beguiling a way.