



TWO SISTERS
Vineyards

2014 Merlot – Back Vintage

The 2014 Merlot is an extraordinary wine from a tiny vintage. The harvest was very limited because of the two harsh winters that preceded the growing season. Since Merlot is not particularly cold hardy, the harvest was small, and many vines were lost. We harvested only 1.6 tonnes from our 20 acres on the estate. Great ripeness and flavour development translate into a truly exceptional wine. The very low yield and intense character are immediately evident in the colour of this wine. Deep and dark, the colour is indicative of the concentration of flavour. The nose is beautifully aromatic, with notes of blue fruit and ripe plums. The palate is dominated by rich plummy notes, blueberries, and black cherries. The classic velvety texture creates an exceptional mouthfeel. Balanced, smooth, and concentrated, this Merlot lingers pleasantly to create a wonderful finish.

2015 Merlot

It was unusually cold and dry through March, which resulted in anxiety about crop damage. Luckily, April through June were relatively normal and followed by a very dry July and excellent summer conditions. The fall brought beautiful warm weather for the start of harvest, with warmer than usual weather continuing through the Merlot harvest in October. Only 3 tonnes were harvested from our 20 acres on the estate, as the vineyard was still recovering from the harsh winters of 2013 and 2014. This wine aged for 30 months in 100% French oak barrels. The nose is beautifully aromatic, with intense notes of ripe fruit, black raisins, dried tea leaves, and chocolate. The palate is dominated by rich fruits, with purple plums, black cherries, and blueberries. The classic velvety texture of this carefully crafted Merlot creates an exceptional mouthfeel. Beyond the normal expectations for a Merlot, the extraordinary quality and character make this wine a must for every cellar.

2016 Merlot – Pre-Release

The 2016 vintage was sunny and warm, with a long, ideal fall. The Merlot was beautifully ripe by early October and was harvested on October 18th, 2016. The 2016 Merlot is a very deep ruby, an almost opaque wine. The colour is an indication of the concentration and complexity of the wine. The intense nose is complex and layered with evident aromas of black cherries and plums. It has a pronounced mouthfeel, as the velvety tannins and acidity balance the flavour profile. A long, complicated finish completes the tasting experience, as this beautiful wine continues to express itself. This wine aged for 31 months in 15% new wood; 70% French oak barriques and 30% American oak barriques.

2015 Cabernet Franc

It was unusually cold and dry January through March, which resulted in a lot of anxiety about crop damage. Luckily, April through June were relatively normal, and followed by a very dry July and excellent summer conditions. The fall brought beautiful warm weather for the start of harvest, with warmer than usual weather continuing in November and December. The 2015 Cabernet Franc is a deep, dark ruby colour, with a vibrant nose of juicy ripe fruit and spicy herbs. This is a full-bodied wine with redcurrant, cranberry, and black cherry flavours. It has a wonderful contrasting spiciness of sweet basil, sage, and roasted red bell pepper. Rich and flavourful, this Cabernet Franc lingers on the palate, creating a luxurious finish. This wine aged in 100% French oak barrels for 33 months.

Gold – Six Nations Wine Challenge 2019

2016 Eleventh Post

Eleventh Post is our vineyard blend of red grapes grown on the estate. This popular wine was not made in the 2014 and 2015 vintages. The 2016 vintage was sunny and warm, with a long fall, ideal for ripening. This wine is a blend of 72% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 12% Cabernet Franc. The wine aged in predominantly French oak barrels for 31 months. The wine becomes an expressive combination of these three grape varieties. The intense nose is complex and layered with aromas of fruits, herbs, and spices. Aromas of black cherries and currants, plums, sage, tomato leaf, and leather are evident. This wine has a pronounced mouthfeel, as the chalky tannins and acidity balance the flavour profile. A long, complicated finish completes the tasting experience, as this beautiful wine continues to express itself.

91 Points – Rick Vansickle

2013 Eleventh Post – *Back Vintage*

A complex although accessible blend dominated by Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, with Merlot playing a key supporting role in providing perfume and balance. Each estate varietal was barrel aged separately for over 30 months before assemblage (blending). New wood was kept to some 15% to allow the vineyard character to come through. This wine offers lovely aromas of black currants, complimented by touches of earthiness and spice, and sprinkled with wisps of plum. On the palate, up-front tannin gives way to a silky-smooth mouthfeel filled with layers of dark cassis, tobacco, and star anise. Underlying suggestion of dried cranberry and fennel extend on this lengthy, intense finish.

92 Points – Michael Godel, Wine Align

Gold – National Wine Awards of Canada 2018

2016 Cabernet Franc Cask Series – *Wine Club Exclusive*

The fruit for this wine was sourced from the 'West' block of Cabernet Franc on the estate, which is our Winemaker Adam Pearce's favourite. This is the inaugural wine from the 5000-litre cask in the Barrel Room at the winery. The cask is made from wood from the Allier Forest in France and has a medium toast. The first fill spent 575 days evolving in the cask. The wine is unfinned and unfiltered. The nose is a wonderful and integrated combination of ripe fruit, herbs, and spices; as cherries, plums, tomato leaf, and red bell pepper are evident. On the palate, pronounced flavours of dark fruit and sweet herbs combine seamlessly the balanced texture of fine tannins and alcohol. The finish lingers enjoyably.

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon

There is something about our Niagara River VQA terroir that produces, vintage to vintage, some of the most ripe and rich Cabernet Sauvignons in the peninsula. Although the 2014 harvest was relatively small, the quality was exceptional. Low yields of less than 1 tonne per acre, careful vineyard management, and extended hang time deep into November allowed the fruit to achieve optimal ripeness and flavour development. The concentration is evident in the deep and opaque ruby colour of the wine. The nose is a wonderful and integrated combination of ripe black fruits, exotic spices, tobacco, and licorice. Extended barrel aging with a limited amount of new French oak provides the savoury nuances of wood, smoke, and toast. Intense flavours of black currants and cassis, dark chocolate, licorice, cedar, and tobacco compliment the balanced texture of fine tannins and alcohol. The finish lingers enjoyably.

2013 Stone Eagle Estate Reserve

The Stone Eagle family is a careful barrel selection of each vintages most complex, elegant, and age-worthy wines. 2013 was not an easy vintage, requiring vigilant monitoring of the estate throughout the summer, and careful selection in the cellar. This dedication was rewarded by elegantly aromatic wines; with reds displaying good concentration, refined silky tannins, and balanced acidity. Our 2013 Stone Eagle Estate Reserve shows cool climate Merlot's bright blueberry and dark plum character, combined with the silky texture characteristic of the Niagara River appellation.

93 Points – John Szabo, Wine Align

93 Points – David Lawrason, Wine Align

93 Points – Rick Vansickle