

LE VIEUX PIN

Merlot 2008

THE WINEMAKERS NOTES

2008 growing season was unusually cool but with the perfect September and October, we saw a level of physiological ripeness that wasn't seen in recent years. The finished wines show a beautiful and balanced level of acidity, great level of phenolic maturity while all along the alcohol levels are under check.

Single grape, single vineyard merlot. Nature gave us lower yields than previous vintages. With the perfect fall weather we had the luxury of picking when the grapes reached perfect maturity. Resulting wine is denser, and packed with more structure and weight than its previous predecessors. Textbook example of a great merlot from the Golden Mile.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Don't be afraid of pairing this wine with the richest of the dishes. Intensely flavored marinates with your choice of steak would be a great accompaniment. Rosemary and garlic rubbed rack of lamb is a favorite.

THE DETAILS

GRAPE VARIETY: *Merlot*
REGION: *Golden Mile, South Okanagan
B.C. Canada*
VINEYARD: *Kalalla*
SOIL TYPE: *Silt, Gravel, Loam*
AGE OF VINES: *11 years old*
HARVESTED: *October 18th*
YIELD: *3.2 tons/acre*
PRODUCTION SIZE: *350 cases 750ml, 50 cases 375ml*
RESIDUAL SUGAR: *1.8 g/l*
ALCOHOL: *14.8%*
AGING: *16 months in French Oak, 47% new*
AVAILABLE: *Spring 2011*

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BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY
*The fruit here was harvested from the
Epoque block in the heart of the
Golden Mile. Our Merlot is
sustainably farmed, hand harvested
into 50lb picking bins, double sorted
& fermented in small batches.
This versatile wine is approachable
for dinner tonight, or can be tucked
away in the cellar for a special
occasion...like a Tuesday.*

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WINEMAKER	<i>James Cambridge</i>

HB 1000/1000 750ml