



STREET
WINERY

Essence Syrah 2012

Technical Information:

Appellation	VQA Niagara Peninsula
Vineyard(s)	Wismer Vineyard (Vineland) and AJ Lepp (NOTL)
Grape Variety(ies)	100% Syrah
Brix at Harvest	23°
Alcohol Content	13.5%
Residual Sugar	2 grams - dry
Total Production	180 cases



TASTING NOTES

Deep purple ruby. Intensely complex nose with blackberry, smoked meat, earthy spice, burnt chocolate, marmite/soya and rosemary. On the palate, medium to full body with flavours of dried cherry, a touch of prune with a lush soft and finely structured, refined mouthfeel showing off supple tannins and concentrated fruit. A truly delicious young Syrah which can be enjoyed now after decanting. It will pair well with slow-roasted Canadian game meats, suckling pig and aged firm mountain sheep and cow's milk cheeses. You may prefer to cellar this wine for 3 to 5 years and revisit it at that time to experience additional complexity that comes with time.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Sourced mainly from the Wismer Vineyard in Vineland with a small amount from AJ Lepp nearer to Niagara on the Lake. Manually harvested in late October and moved to the winery immediately for sorting, crushing and destemming followed by cold soaking to extract the bright fruit and floral notes. Fermentation and maceration in stainless steel tanks lasted roughly 21 days and the wine was moved to 100% French oak barrels consisting of primarily 2nd and 3rd use with some older wood. After malolactic fermentation was completed, the wine rested on fine lees with regular racking for 14 months when the final blend was conceived and the wine was bottled.

VINTAGE NOTES

2012 was a great vintage in Niagara, especially for later harvest reds such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, where the sun and heat of mid-summer drove brix levels up to desirable levels and the extended warmth and lack of humidity in the fall permitted the development of fine, ripe tannins and rich flavours.

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