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WINERY

Essence Syrah 2013

Technical Information:

Appellation	VQA Niagara Peninsula
Vineyard(s)	Wismer Vineyard (Vineland) and AJ Lepp (NOTL)
Grape Variety(ies)	100% Syrah
Brix at Harvest	23 ^o
Alcohol Content	13.5%
Residual Sugar	2 grams - dry
Total Production	156 cases



TASTING NOTES

Deep purple ruby. Intensely complex nose with fresh cracked black pepper, blackberry, smoked meat, earthy spice, burnt chocolate and a touch of herbaciousness on the finish. On the palate, medium to full body with flavours of dark fruit, pepper, 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

2013 in Niagara provided average sunshine and precipitation. With rain falling quite regularly during the early fall, growers were forced to choose early picking to avoid damage from humidity and rot or gamble and hope the sun returned later in the autumn so the grapes would be dry, riper and sweeter. As it turned out, those hardy varieties that could tolerate damp conditions fared very well if they were allowed to hang later into October and November. The range of wines is excellent, but due diligence is required in order to select the truly great Niagara wines from the simple, average ones.

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