



**2012
MERITAGE**

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RED WINE / VIN ROUGE



*Beautifully crafted artisanal wines.
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The 2012 Meritage blend, 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc, is deep garnet in colour, with sweet cherry, vanilla and tobacco on the nose. The palate showcases ripe dark cherry, brambleberry, leather and chocolate with a silky smooth finish and balanced tannins.

750 ml / 13.2% alc./vol. RED WINE / VIN ROUGE

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2012 Meritage

UPC	693550000882
Bottling Date	September 18, 2014
Release Date	Dec. 1, 2014
Price	\$32.20 June 3/17 \$32.55
Vintage	2012
Vineyard	Bartlett Creek, Ball's Falls, Nedelko Farm
Appellation	Niagara Peninsula
Soil Type	Clay / loam
Age of Vines	2000
Varietal/Blend	58% Cab Sauv, 33% Merlot, 9% Cab Franc
Quantity Made	286 cases
Harvest	October 1st, 9th & 15th, 2012
Vinification	21 months in French Oak
Alcohol Content	13.2%
Sugar Content	4.8 g/L
LCBO #	n/a
Tasting Notes:	
Colour	Deep garnet
Aroma	Sweet cherry, vanilla and tobacco.
Palate	Ripe dark cherry, brambleberry, leather and chocolate with a silky smooth finish.
Food Pairing	Roast beef, lamb with rosemary
Serving Temperature	Room temperature or cellar cool
Cellaring	3-7 years
Awards	Silver —Ontario Wine Awards 2015 Silver —FLIWC 2015

Notable reviews

Michael Pinkus: 4+ Stars The usual three grapes go into this puppy, but heavily dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon at 58% followed by Merlot and Franc at 33% and 9% respectively. The wine spent 21 months in oak, one-third of which was new but it hardly shows any of the wood character at all ... time to talk fruit: cassis, black cherry dominate, palate is lush adding vanilla, cocoa and a hint of leather to the ever-present fruit. This is a wine you could enjoy now but also has good potential for the future (now – 2020). Price: \$32.00 – Rating: ****+

Tony Aspler:

Nose: cedar, tobacco, vanilla oak bouquet Taste: dry, medium-bodied, firmly structured, blackcurrant flavour with well integrated oak Drinkability: Hold (Short Term)

David Lawrason: This is a very stylish, well integrated and balanced with 58% cabernet sauvignon, 33% merlot and 9% cabernet franc. Hangs together well, in a mid-weight style that delivers typical raspberry/currant fruit, green herbs/cedar bough and some graphite. Fairly good density, with fine tannin. Very good to excellent length.

Rick Van Sickle: 90 points The blend is 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc. The nose shows blackberry, cherry, leather and complex oak spices. It has structure and power with meaty-earthy fruit, blackberry, tar and length through the finish. A cellar contender.

Lindsay Groves 86/87— Cedary nose with black fruit. A little sweetness on the palate. More peppery/spice on the palate. Full bodied, medium tannins. A little istic.

Dean Tudor of Gothic Epicures Black cherry- berry fruit dominates, cassis, along with merlot plummy. Long, long meaty finish from the integration and aging so far.. One to check in with later....save me a bottle. Quality/Price rating is 91 points April 2016