

Carved from stone, fuelled by sun, a vineyard like no other

MERLOT 2014



94 points

"Outstanding, opulent, complex..."

Daenna Van Mulligen



92 points

"Gorgeous BC Merlot..."

Natalie Maclean



91 points

"A big, concentrated powerhouse..."

John Schreiner



91 points

Anthony Gismondi



90 points

Beppi Crosariol

Globe & Mail

Terroir and Microclimate

Located high on a hillside overlooking the Similkameen Valley, Vanessa Vineyard's grapes are cultivated on 75 acres of sloping, well-drained, rocky terrain. The vines grow in rows of rocks, absorbing the day heat and imparting that warmth during the cooler nights. Planted in a west to southwest exposure, the rocky vineyard basks in the afternoon sun. Ideally situated, the vineyard benefits from a long growing season, with low yields of intensely ripe fruit. The unique stony site produces fruit with complex flavours and minerality that are truly distinctive.

Winemaking

Crafted from only 100% estate grown and hand-picked fruit. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small-batch fermentation and hand punch down to maximize flavour and extraction. Fermented and barrel aged for 26 months in mainly new and one year old American and French oak barrels that were medium-plus toast. Beautiful integration of the soil minerality gives the wine exceptional character and quality.

Flavour Profile

Handsomely rich and intensely aromatic, our inaugural Merlot opens with a bouquet of black currant, ripe cherries and cocoa. Ruby in colour, with a palate that delivers dried fruit flavours of currants, apricots and prunes, with smooth chocolate undertones. Careful execution of oak integration, with fine-grained tannins and balanced fruit creates an engaging wine with a silky, polished finish. An exceptional 2014 growing season delivered a fabulous vintage.



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Price \$34.99

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