



LA STELLA

ESPRESSIVO 2015

The Winemaker's Notes

Espressivo is the newest member of the Lastella Family. 2015 marks the second release of Espressivo. A Tuscan inspired red blend much like its sibling Fortissimo, except Espressivo is Cabernet (Sauvignon and Franc) dominant while Fortissimo is Merlot dominant.

Espressivo is our way of paying respect to the pioneers of Tuscany who challenged the traditions of winemaking in the 50s and 60s to gain recognition for their wines.

2015 Espressivo is more approachable thanks to the nature of the 2015 growing season. The large format puncheons and Hungarian/Slavonian oak are evident in the subtle way the oak is present with whispers of baking spice nuances. The fruit profile is dark bramble fruit, married with savoury, herbal and spicy notes. Compared to its sibling Fortissimo, the tannins here are edgier and the wine is more expressive on the nose. We look forward to following the evolution of this wine in the bottle for years to come.

FOOD PAIRING:

Bitter green (like Lacinato kale) gnudi with lamb ragu.

The Details

Grape Variety:	55% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Sangiovese
Grown:	23.5% Black Sage bench, 76.5% Osoyoos Lake district
Vineyard:	Crowley, Hanson, Selona, Lumeno
Age of Vines:	Varied
Yield:	3.7 tons/acre
Production Size:	175 cases
Alcohol:	14.80%
Clarification:	Unfined, lightly filtered
Aging:	19 months in French and Slavonian oak barrels and puncheons. 14% new oak, 14% 2nd fill, 72% neutral

