



ESPRESSIVO 2016

Espressivo is 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.

2016 Espressivo while distinctly Okanagan, it can be a ringer in an all Super Tuscan tasting. 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 and currant fruit, married with savoury, herbal and spicy notes. Compared to its sibling Fortissimo, the tannins here are edgier and the wine is more structured yet also more expressive on the nose. We look forward to following the evolution of this wine in the bottle for many years to come.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Collard green gnudi with lamb ragu. Rabbit saddle on the grill with Tuscan beans and sauteed lacinato kale is another favourite.

- GRAPE VARIETY: 34.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 31% Cabernet Franc, 18.5% merlot, 16% Sangiovese Grosso
- GROWN: South Okanagan
- VINEYARD: Various
- SOIL ORIGIN: Varied
- AGE OF VINES: Varied
- YIELD: 2.5 tons/acre
- PRODUCTION: 469 cases
- ALCOHOL: 14.50%
- CLARIFICATION: Unfined, very lightly coarse filtered
- AGING: 20 months in Slavonian and French oak barrels, puncheon and botti, 34 % new oak in the first year of aging, then racked into all neutral vessels

