

LE VIEUX PIN

Équinoxe Merlot 2008

THE WINEMAKERS NOTES

Équinoxe: equal day, equal night. Equal old world, equal new world.

Our Équinoxe Merlot (previously labeled as Apogee Merlot Reserve) comes from a very specific block of 16 year old vines on the south end of the Golden Mile.

Since 2005 (the first vintage of this wine), the results seem to show that regardless of the vintage, the resulting wine is always intense with firm tannins. With morning sun and afternoon shade, acidity is always harmonious and keeps the wine from being flat or overbearing. The nose is dancing with a myriad of nuances. The flavors on the palate transform into plum and blackberry with a very long finish of espresso and mocha. A truly impressive wine.

The calibre of fruit and style of winemaking leads to a wine that should age gracefully for 10+ years in a proper cellar.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

A grilled rib eye over blue cheese polenta or lamb tagine with raisin and mint couscous are two favorites that will add complexity to the flavors.

THE DETAILS

GRAPE VARIETY: *Merlot*
REGION: *Golden Mile, Oliver, South Okanagan
B.C. Canada*
VINEYARD: *Feuille D'Or*
SOIL TYPE: *Clay, Alluvial silt, Gravel*
AGE OF VINES: *16 years old*
HARVESTED: *October 23rd*
YIELD: *2.1 tons/acre*
PRODUCTION SIZE: *175 cases 750ml*
RESIDUAL SUGAR: *1.9g/l*
ALCOHOL: *14.9%*
AGING: *21 months in French Oak, 60% new*
AVAILABLE: *Fall 2011*

*Équinoxe
Merlot 2008
BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY*
*Struggling vines and steel pruning
allowed the vines to yield very
concentrated fruit. The finished wine
is traditionally crafted.
A formidable Merlot that has the
structure to evolve beautifully in
the cellar for many years to come.*

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SUB REGION	<i>Golden Mile, Oliver</i>
VINEYARD	<i>Feuille D'Or</i>
TONS PER ACRE	<i>2.1</i>
SOIL	<i>clay, alluvial, silt & rock</i>
AGING	<i>21 months in French oak, 60% new</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>175 cases</i>
WINEMAKER	<i>James Cambridge</i>

149 g/L (5.1 oz/L) 750 ml