

# 2015 Merlot

## VQA Niagara Peninsula

\*Bronze Medal Winner at the Wine Align National Wine Awards\*

#### **GROWING SEASON AND HARVEST**

- Weather conditions were unusually cold and dry in January followed by a brutally cold February that brought more snow than normal and shattered low temperature records across the province.
- March continued to be colder than normal resulting in a lot of anxiety about potential crop damage. Luckily temperatures picked up and were relatively normal in April and May
- ❖ The summer growing season brought excellent conditions with few major storms and sunny warm weather in the Niagara region.
- Fall weather settled nicely into warm beautiful conditions for the start of harvest except for some rainy periods but overall the weather was favourable.
- 2015 was an interesting year with some significant weather variations through the growing season however, as is often the case, nature eventually found a balance by the end of the season.

#### **WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES**

Inky purple in colour, this full bodied Merlot from Lakeview Cellars shows notes of coffee, blueberry, and black cherry on the nose followed by a rich palate of blackberries and a hint of chocolate covered espresso beans.

### **FOOD SUGGESTIONS**

Enjoy this full-bodied Niagara red wine with a loaded pulled pork sandwich or a rib-eye steak topped with a creamy peppercorn sauce!

SIZE AVAILABILITY 750mL Winery