

# 2011 5TH ELEMENT



CSPC:	045922	
Price:	\$49	
Production:	1177 six packs	
Availability:	Winery direct and select restaurants and private retail stores in BC and Alberta.	
Sales Agents:	Please visit <a href="http://road13vineyards.com/contact/sales_agents/">http://road13vineyards.com/contact/sales_agents/</a>	
Blend:	Merlot: 57.47%	Cabernet Sauvignon: 7.07%
	Cabernet Franc: 21.20%	Petit Verdot: 1.87%
	Syrah: 10.88%	Malbec: 1.51%
Wine Chemistry:	pH: 3.77	RS: 1.20 g/L
	T.A.: 6.20 g/L	Alcohol: 14.4%

**Vineyards:** The grapes for this wine were grown in five different vineyards in southern BC: the Castle Vineyard, Home Vineyard and Road 7 Vineyard on the Golden Mile in Oliver; Blind Creek Vineyard in Cawston; and Monarch Vineyard on the East Bench in Osoyoos. We conducted early leaf removal in the fruit zone to help ripening during a cooler summer. Yields were kept low at a maximum of 3.0 tons per acre and our vineyard crew performed extensive green harvest to ensure uniform crop maturity. Deficit irrigation was applied to limit the vigor of the vines and grow grapes that delivered concentrated flavors and aromas. The bottom line is this: these vineyards are on great sites and the best viticultural practices are used, resulting in vines are balanced and deliver phenomenal fruit.

**Winemaking:** All of the grapes that went into the 2011 Fifth Element were picked at optimum maturity and de-stemmed gently into small fermenters. The grapes were plunged 2-4 times a day during the on-skin fermentation and pressed near sugar dryness. The wine was aged in high quality French oak barrels for 16 months and aged in stainless steel barrels for a further 5 months prior to bottling in September 2013.

**Tasting Notes:** The 2011 5th Element has an attractive dark ruby color and a nose that is lifted, complex and very “Old World” with aromas of dark soya sauce, grilled almond, blackberry, black currant, sage and violet. This wine is a great example that with careful blending BC can create wines of elegance, richness and complexity. All six varieties work together to deliver complex flavors of black cassis, blackberry, dark chocolate and a hint of cedar. The rich and silky palate is structured by extremely fine tannins. Ultimately, the 2011 5th Element is a joy of harmony with an intense lingering finish.