



ROAD 13

Seventy-Four K 2017

VITICULTURE:

The 2017 growing season was an interesting and highly unusual roller coaster ride! Higher than normal rainfall and an alarmingly cool spring gave way one of the warmest, driest summers in 40 years. The heat and dry weather caused forest fires in other areas of the province, which resulted in low levels of smoke in the atmosphere for about 2 months during the summer. The smoke turned out to be a blessing because it reflected a good deal of the sunlight away from our vines and kept the daytime temperatures very moderate, resulting in virtually perfect temperatures for ripening of the fruit. The net result was that we ended up with high flavour intensity, moderate sugars, and fresh, crisp levels of acidity.

WINEMAKING:

During vintage, the grapes for the 2017 74K were all carefully sorted, destemmed, and gently pumped to tanks for fermentation. That caps were pumped over twice daily for about 8-10 days and the wine was then pressed off to commence the maturation process. The final blend was assembled, clarified, and bottled in August, 2018 and bottled shortly thereafter.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2017 74K red wine is very dark and densely coloured with attractive purple tints. The aromatic profile is a symphony of black fruited splendor, including black cherry, cassis, black berry, and blueberry pie complexed by notes of smokey bacon, vanilla, violets, apricot, and baking spices. On the palate, the wine is plush, silky and sumptuous, with fruit-driven intensity and tremendous length of flavour woven through a matrix of abundant tannins in a medium to full bodied frame.

SKU: 78915

PRODUCTION: 3246 cases

THE BLEND:

42% Merlot 18% Syrah 17% Cabernet Franc 9% Teroldego
5% Cabernet Sauvignon 3% Malbec 3% Petit Verdot
1.6% Viognier 1% Grenache 0.4% Mourvedre

WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 25.0 pH: 3.7 TA: 5.8 g/L
Alcohol: 14.5% RS: 12.0 g/L

BOTTLED: September 8-9, 2018

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