



# ROAD 13



## 2020 HONEST JOHN'S RED

### FIELD REPORT

A mild March sparked an early bud break in 2020. Although the season got an early start, a cool spring and rainy June slowed growth in the vineyards. The summer was very hot and dry leading into a warmer than normal ripening season in September and October. This warm fall weather extended the ripening and balanced the acidity in the grapes resulting in amazing fruit quality and flavour profiles.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes for this red blend were harvested at peak ripeness, then hand-sorted, fermented and aged separately. The wines were pressed off their skins after 14-20 days to ensure this red blend is fruit forward and approachable upon release, yet still have aging potential of 3-5 years. More neutral oak barrels were used in the aging to help polish the gentle tannins of this crowd-pleasing red wine.

### TASTING NOTES

Subtle eucalyptus, cranberry sauce, red currants, plum, and ripe red cherry are delicately pronounced on the nose. Reflected on the palate are flavours of blackberry, dark plum, and cassis.

### PERFECT PAIRINGS

Backyard BBQs, weekday pizza nights, or any occasion that you need a quality-made red that has versatility and broad appeal. This wine works by itself at a social event, or paired with grilled meats, thin crust pizzas, pork tenderloin, BBQ chicken, mushroom risotto, burgers, dark chocolate, firm cheeses, or charcuterie boards.

#### BLEND

52% MERLOT  
42% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
3% PETIT VERDOT  
1% MALBEC

#### CHEMISTRY

PH 3.52      TA 6.0 G/L  
ALC 13.9%    RS 6.0 G/L

#### PRODUCTION

BOTTLED JUN 2021  
10902 CASES  
SKU 290684