



# ROAD 13



## 2019 HONEST JOHN'S RED

### FIELD REPORT

The 2019 season began beautifully, with one of the warmest springs on record. The weather remained consistently warm through the summer providing steady, even ripening. The season turned come fall when the weather became cool, promoting enhanced acidity and fresh fruit flavors. Each variety was carefully picked at its optimal point of flavor development.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

All of the grape varieties that make up the Honest John's Red blend were individually harvested, sorted, fermented and aged 6 months. The wine was then blended and fined before being aged further in tank for 6 weeks before final bottling. This crowd-pleasing red is always made to enjoy in its youth but could also be aged for 3-5 years as well.

### TASTING NOTES

Wild strawberries with cherries and black pepper are the first to show with raspberry and blackberry layered in behind. Subtle notes of toasted oak and caramel also play a role. This is a fruit forward red with flavours of ripe strawberry, raspberry, blackberry and cherry followed by subtle sweet vanilla and oak. The palate is plush making this easy-drinking red wine a good companion.

### PERFECT PAIRINGS

Summer BBQ. Grilled burgers. Flank steak. Grilled Portobella mushroom caps with Boursin cheese. Coq au Vin. A winning hand.

#### BLEND

25.9% PINOT NOIR, 20.3% MERLOT, 19.3% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 13.8% GAMAY, 8.2% SYRAH, 6.1% PETIT VERDOT, 2.6% MOURVEDRE, 2.0% CABERNET FRANC, 0.7% GRENACHE, 0.5% TEROLLEGO, 0.4% TEMPRANILLO, 0.1% MALBEC, 0.1% VIOGNIER

#### CHEMISTRY

PH 3.6 TA 5.5 G/L ALC 13.3% RS 6.3 G/L

#### PRODUCTION

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