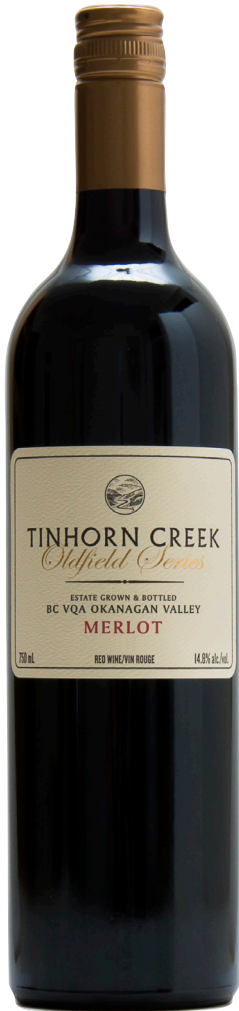




TINHORN CREEK

NATURALLY SOUTH OKANAGAN

Oldfield Series Merlot 2011



PRODUCT INFO

MSRP: \$29.99

Cases Produced: 2051

SKU: BC 153213

AB 723924

Release Date: Oct 1/14

Availability:

BC: Winery, VQA stores, Private Wine Shops, Restaurants

AB: Private Wine Shops, Restaurants

VARIETY

89% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc,
2% Syrah

REGION

Oliver, BC (Okanagan Valley)

VINEYARD

Diamondback Vineyard (Black Sage)

Aspect: South-West

Vine Orientation: North-South

Soil: sand

Vine Age: 10-18 years

CELLARING

Drink within 5-7 years.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Viticulturist: Andrew Moon

Winemaker: Sandra Oldfield

Bottled: June 6, 2013

Brix at Harvest: 22.8

Alcohol: 14.9%

Residual Sugar: <2.0 g/L

Titrateable Acidity: 6.15 g/L

pH: 3.73

VINTAGE 2011

Picking Date: October 30, 2011

Growing Conditions: Cool season with average rainfall

Vineyard Operations: Spur pruned, Vertical shoot positioned, green bunch removal

VINIFICATION

A Merlot that is integrated with deep fruit and tannin. 100% will receive ML and be barrel aged for 18 months in new, one and two year old French Oak barrels. This wine will also be bottle aged for 16 months before release.

TASTING NOTES

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Accolades

92-93 points - John Schreiner

The junior partners bring something to the party, as always – a touch of spice in the aroma is almost certainly the Cabernet Franc while the Syrah adds a hint of leather on the finish. The flavours are all about Merlot – black currant, blueberry, blackberry. The full texture in the mouth reflects the Merlot and the silky tannins developed in barrel and in bottle aging. The hint of sage on the finish is quintessential South Okanagan. Alcohol is 13.8%. This is an elegant red with the ability to develop another 10 years in the cellar.

92 points - Daenna Van Mulligan, The Wine Diva

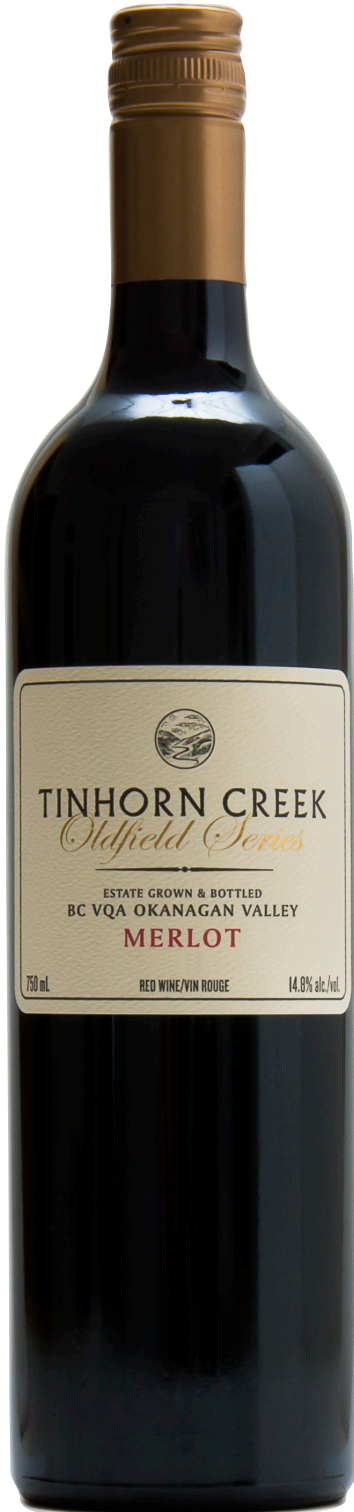
It offers alluring aromas of plum cake, exotic spices such as cumin, clove and pepper that are layered with bittersweet chocolate, black raspberry, vanilla and wild herbs. Rather than laying all its cards on the table, this wine is coy. Expect restraint and yet generous fruit. It is smooth, elegant and completely serious. Excellent balance – a wine that has the cellar potential of a decade yet is entirely ready to drink now.

90+ points - Liam Carrier, Icon Wines

A sweetly scented, complex Merlot blended with 9% Cabernet Franc and 2% Syrah that offers a developed bouquet of beautiful, pot-pourri, ripe blackberry, blueberry, vanilla and exotic chai spice aromas. Quaff the nose for hours while the wine opens in your glass to reveal a well-structured, dry palate of fine tannins, wild berry acidity and flavours of blue fruit, cherry-cola and spices. Ready to go now, though, will hold for many years in your cellar with some further development.

90 points - Rick Van Sickle, winesinniagara.com

2011 was a cool year by Okanagan standards and as a result the wines are less concentrated and lower in alcohol. Tinhorn's 2009 Oldfield Merlot reached 15.3% while the 2011 is pegged at 13.9%. That translates to better balance and more finesse. The nose on this classy Merlot shows succulent red berries, black currants, cassis, kirsch and sweet savoury spices. It's a lovely drop in the mouth with red fruits, currants and anise all nicely balanced by a healthy vein of acidity and spice. Obviously, a lot of work went into the vineyard to achieve phenolic ripeness.



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