



LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS Portfolio 2012

In the investment industry, you aren't really taken seriously as a money manager until you can post 10 year performance numbers. Portfolio, our flagship Bordeaux-style blend has now achieved this status. For the past decade, Portfolio has routinely won top accolades from wine competitions and wine critics alike. Just like a finely balanced stock portfolio, putting together a blended wine takes finesse and judgment so that the experience of the whole will be greater than the sum of the individual parts. This 10th vintage is set to be a chart-topper from the stellar 2012 growing year.



Winemaking Notes: The 2012 vintage combines the five Bordeaux varietals: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot to create a multi-layered complex wine.

Using double sorting tables to sort grapes first by cluster and then by berry allows us to put meticulous attention on using only the best grapes in our wines. Our oak program continues to be fine-tuned and this vintage includes the use of oak fermenters in addition to our stainless tank ferments. Portfolio is aged exclusively in French oak barrels for 19 months. Barrels are individually tasting and selected to create balance in flavours, tannins and acidity in the final blend of Portfolio.

The resulting wine is a complex layering of dark berries, herbs and oak aromas. Solid notes of mint, cassis and thyme are in harmony with the jammy fruit and dark chocolate undertones. On the palate, the tannins are supple and the dark fruit is prominent, proudly showcasing the warm growing season. The end result is a smooth, long finish and a wine built to age. Cellaring this full-bodied red is recommended for up to 10 years or to be enjoyed in its youth after decanting.



Vintage Notes: Considered one of the best vintages in the past 5 years, the growing season was long and warm. Despite a wet spring, 2012 delivered an almost flawless Okanagan summer, followed by extended fall warmth. Ripeness is always a balance between reaching proper sugar/brix levels and also achieving interesting flavours via phenolic ripeness. Both were optimal with the 2012 harvest. While some vineyards had large yields this year, we managed our crop levels carefully to still stay within our target focusing on quality, not quantity.

Harvest Dates: Began October 9, 2012

Blend: Portfolio 2012 is a Bordeaux style blend composed of 45% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot

Aging: 19 months in French oak barrels, 55% new, 45% second fill **Alcohol:** 14.7%

Cases Produced: 2,080 cases

Release Date: October 1, 2014

Awards & Ratings

GOLD Medal, InterVin International Wine Awards 2014