



## Artist Series 'Limited Edition' Cabernet Merlot 2007

VQA NIAGARA PENINSULA

"At Hillebrand we believe in wine, and all things captivating. Fine wine, fine art, fine food. Artist Series is the marriage of incredible wine and beautiful, original Ontario art. What a tasteful way to support the arts."

### WINE MAKING

- A classic blend of 40% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc and 30% Cabernet Sauvignon.
- The majority of the wine was aged in small French and American oak barrels for 10 months, with the remaining 20% aged in a large format wood tank for 10 months.
- Full malolactic fermentation.

### FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Deep black with a youthful purple rim colour
- A complex bouquet of black currant, blackberry, blueberry, dark chocolate, sweet vanilla and smoke.
- A dry, medium-bodied, slightly rich wine with good structure.
- Ripe black fruits, sweet spice and toasty oak flavours fill the mouth.
- Cayenne spiced dark chocolate, sweet spice and black fruit linger on the finish.

### WINE ANALYSIS

- Sugar Code: (0) Dry, 2.5 g/l
- Alcohol: 13%
- Total Acidity: 6.5 g/l
- PID#: 1055995
- UPC#: 0 48162 01248 6
- Price: \$17.45(+bottle deposit)

### SERVING SUGGESTIONS

- Serve at a cool room temperature of 16 to 18°C.
- Serve with simply grilled steaks with sautéed mushrooms and baked potatoes; prime rib; beef tenderloin wrapped in bacon; pot roast; beef and lentil stews.
- Drink now to 2012.

**Special Label Feature:** *Véronique on a Silken Night – Monika Berenyi, 2007.* Fusing the tangible with allure, Monika celebrates human beauty through a distinctive style of abstract figurative expressionism. Her paintings are held in museums and private collections in Canada and abroad. Her studio is located in Toronto. *Véronique* is a nocturnal beauty evoking the mystery of the eternal feminine.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Silver Medal – Grand Harvest Awards 2009, Sonoma, California

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