



Showcase Merlot 2006 'Carlton Vineyard'

VQA FOUR MILE CREEK

"From a single vineyard to a single barrel, Hillebrand Showcase wines are the true expression of our passion for making great wine. Hand made from the best vineyard sites in Niagara, our unrushed approach to winemaking shines through in every bottle."

WINE MAKING

- A classic single varietal wine harvested from low yield, older vines (10 years old).
- Aged for 18 months in new French oak barrels.
- Barrel malolactic fermentation, minimal filtration, top barrel selection (only 10 barrels) and extensive bottle aging ensures a silky mouth-feel, great structure, fruit concentration, balancing acidity and aging potential.

FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Garnet colour with a maturing bouquet of smoky tobacco, dried herbs, plum, cherry, leather and licorice.
- Medium-bodied with soft, yet drying tannins and moderate acidity.
- Flavours of cherry, plum, spice, red currant and soft oak on the palate.
- Cherry and spice notes linger on the finish.

WINE ANALYSIS

- Sweetness Level: (0) Dry, 2.0 g/l
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Total Acidity: 6.5 g/l
- PID#: 1039039
- UPC#: 0 48162 00668 3
- Retail: \$35.00(+bottle deposit)

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

- Serve at a cool room temperature of 18°C.
- Serve with vegetable stews; duck breast with cherry red wine sauce; steak and kidney pie; prime rib; lentil dishes.
- Enjoy now through 2011.

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