



## Red Gold

BC VQA 2014

Production: 109 cases (750 ml) & 48 Magnum bottles

### Details:

Alc.	14.4%
pH	3.51
TA	6.75 g/L
RS	1.5 g/L

### Availability: Restricted listing

Winery direct, VQA stores and select fine wine stores and restaurants

CSPC: 499319

UPC: 626990114277

### Winemakers notes:

Our 2014 Red Gold is the product of exceptional care from three grape growers and our winemaker. This wine features a blend of estate Cabernet Franc, estate Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon from Roger Pires' vineyard in Osoyoos, and Merlot from Blind Creek vineyard in the Similkameen. These three sites produce excellent fruit and the 2014 vintage was among the best in a long time.

Part of the estate Cabernet Franc was made in an amarone-style. The Cabernet Franc was harvested on racks that are normally used to dry hops. The racks with Cabernet Franc were then placed in a hop-drying barn where they were dried for six weeks driving the concentration of the grapes through the roof. There was an extended cold soak, followed by a long and cool ferment where special yeast was used to try to ferment from 32Brix to dryness.

Roger Pires maintains a superb vineyard just two blocks north of the border. His attention to detail in his vineyard is stunning. The Cabernet Sauvignon, cropped low, was likely the best we have ever seen. Rich, thick, concentrated aromas filled the winery during pump overs.

The Merlot from Blind Creek came in at 28 Brix, deep dark, almost black in colour and concentrated, almost like a syrup. Isabel Amaro has done a magnificent job in managing Blind Creek Vineyard from the start in 2009. The fruit is consistently among the best from the Similkameen.

The Merlot from Fort Berens comes from a very sandy location in the vineyard and presents some really beautiful characteristics, which add elegance and complexity. The estate Cabernet Franc grows in the opposite corner, where the topsoil layer is thin and the roots are bedded in a gravelly layer of river rocks.





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Megan De Villiers has tended to the Fort Berens vineyard with such precision. She has taken a rowdy bunch of adolescent vines, trained and nurtured them, to produce excellent fruit that is able to express this truly unique place.

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## Awards:

GOLD – San Francisco International Wine Competition 2016

GOLD – Pacific Rim Wine Competition 2016

Silver – National Wine Awards of Canada 2016

Bronze – International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016

Bronze – All Canadian Wine Championships 2016

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