## 2014 Versado Malbec

Deep, intense ruby-red colour with medium-to-full body. Vibrant, spice and red fruit with subtle blueberry, floral aromatics and some savoury hints. Fabulous blackberry and blackcurrant notes surround brighter red fruits. Complex, savoury elements give the palate excellent breadth while persistent flavours of ripe fruit culminate in a texture that has drag and a very lengthy finish. ~ *Ann Sperling* 

Score: 92. "Dense purple in colour; cedary, tobacco, lightly peppery nose of plums with oak spice and a floral top note; full-bodied, dry, fruity and well-balanced with black fruit flavours and a firm structure." ~ *Tony Aspler*, *tonyaspler.com* 

Score: 91. "Inky black in the glass, this blossoms with lifted aromas of floral notes, grilled herbs and mixed spice. It's rich and sumptuous on the palate with flavours of black currant and dark cherry with both melding nicely with wisps of aromatic bitters. It's framed by racy, lip-smacking acidity and underpinned by firm tannin. This showcases deft balance, complexity, depth and is just simply delicious. The finish lingers, you shouldn't, pick up a few bottles... " ~ Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com

Score: 90. "The same attention to detail and winemaking goes into the Versado entry-level wine as the top one, so this little beauty offers a snap shot of Malbec at its best. Very nice aromas of blackberries, plums, brambly raspberries, savoury spices and a certain earthiness. It's quite thick and juicy on the palate with a fine balance between rich and savoury dark fruits, spice, tannins and balancing acidity on the finish." ~ *Rick VanSickle*, *winesinniagara.com* 

Alc.: 13.8%

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As Canadians living with four distinct seasons, we find it normal to talk about the weather all-the-time and to think about its impact on the developing vineyards and eventual harvest. We have often remarked that when we catch up each season with our viticulturist, Sergio Rinaldi, it's amazing how he can remember the exact date, time and volume of each rainfall. But typically there are only a few in Mendoza each year, so they stand out and are memorable. The 2014 growing season is marked as memorable for its variable weather. The highlights include a "light spring frost" that made us very nervous, but in essence worked to naturally thin the crop. Resulting clusters were loose, allowing faster air-drying after rains which at times were more often than normally expected in Lujàn de Cuyo. February was cooler than normal, so ripening occurred at a slower pace, developing red and black fruits with freshness and no dehydrated berries. Thankfully our little vineyard was ready and harvested before the fall rains, resulting in wines that are of intense colour, freshness and spicy aromatics with floral elements mixing with red and black fruits and medium weight and good length on the palette.

## Availability

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