



GORDON

Estate



2012 *Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon*

ESTATE GROWN ~ COLUMBIA VALLEY

- **COMPOSITION:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- **OAK PROGRAM:** 35% New French Oak
- **pH:** 3.54
- **TA:** 6.8 g/L
- **ALCOHOL:** 13.8%
- **PRODUCTION:** 700 cases

VINTAGE

2012 was a roller coaster of changing weather. While spring began on time with normal temperatures this quickly gave way to unusual temperature fluctuations, with a brief heat wave in April, followed by a downward temperature spike. Once again in May the heat returned, only to quickly give way to cold and rain. While June was cold and damp July brought heat and thunderstorms. Lightning-caused fires created a lingering smoky haze which blew continually across the valley. In August the sticky heat turned to dry and we reached triple digits for a few days. September brought only slight relief to the heat, which meant the fruit was ready for picking just as the transition to fall took place.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Intensely colored, this brooding Cabernet opens with aromas of concentrated red fruits, layered with freshly roasted coffee, hints sandalwood and black currant. Bright acidity carries through to lush flavors of brandied cherries and subtle exotic spice. A long persistent finish is inviting, and won't let you forget this is Cabernet Sauvignon.