

LA STELLA

ESPRESSIVO 2014

The Winemaker's Notes

2014 marks the inaugural release of Espresso – the newest member of the LaStella Family. A Tuscan-inspired red blend much like its sibling Fortissimo, except Espresso, is Cabernet (Sauvignon and Franc) dominant while Fortissimo is Merlot dominant.

Espresso is our way of paying respect to the pioneers of Tuscany who challenged the traditions of winemaking in the 50s and 60s to gain recognition for their wines.

2014 Espresso is as outstanding as we thought it would be during its upbringing in the barrel; all the components are married seamlessly together. The large format puncheons and Hungarian/Slavonian oak are evident in the subtle way the oak is present. The fruit profile is darker, married with savoury, herbaceous and spicy notes. The tannins are edgier and the wine is more expressive on the nose. We look forward to following the evolution of this wine in the bottle for years to come.

The Details

Grape Variety:	55% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 5% Sangiovese
Region:	40% North Oliver, 20% Golden Mile, 40% Osoyoos Lake District
Vineyard:	Various
Age of Vines:	Varied
Yield:	3.1 tons/acre
Production Size:	123 cases
Alcohol:	14.50%
Clarification:	Unfined, lightly filtered
Aging:	18 months in 100% French and Slavonian oak barrels; 20% new, 40% second fill, balance in neutral barrels

