

LA STELLA

2014 ALLEGRETTO "PIE FRANCO" MERLOT

The Winemaker's Notes

Allegretto – a medium-brisk and playful tempo – is a very special single vineyard wine that we call a true Merlot. The vines are planted on their own rootstock (piè franco) in white silica sand (what glass is made out of). Each and every vintage we are rewarded with a trueness and transparency in the flavour that is not seen elsewhere. We also believe the white silica sandy soil of this vineyard contributes to the elegant style of this wine.

2014 Allegretto is a medium bodied red that caresses the palate as opposed to throwing punches. Integrated round tannins and a melange of red and black fruit approach you in poise. Cocoa notes, sage leaves, rosemary and wild mountain herbs mingle with the fruit and delicate dusty earth notes. As in the past, the 2014 vintage continued to grant us a special Merlot to be enjoyed in its youth or after many years of cellaring

FOOD PAIRING:

Bistecca Fiorentina with salsa verde, side of Tuscan white bean and grilled radicchio is a simple and classic pairing.

The Details

Grape Variety:	100% Merlot
Region:	100% Osoyoos East Bench (South Osoyoos)
Vineyard:	Stagg's
Soil Type:	White silica sand
Age of Vines:	17 years old
Yield:	2.3 tons/acre
Production Size:	275 cases
Alcohol:	14.90%
Clarification:	Unfined, lightly filtered
Aging:	18 months in 100% French oak barrels, 36% new, 27% second fill, balance in neutral

