



Aristata 2011



Cultivar	Merlot 69%/Cabernet Sauvignon 12%/ Cabernet Franc 19%
Origin	Elgin
Harvest date	Merlot 21 March 2011/Cabernet Sauvignon 14 April 2011/ Cabernet Franc 1 April 2011/
Yield	Merlot 6.8 t/ha, Cabernet Sauvignon 7.4t/ha, Shiraz 4.7 t/ha, Cabernet Franc 6.8t/ha.
Vineyard site	North facing slope, with deep, well drained soil comprising ironstone fragments
Analysis	
Alcohol	14.35%
Total acidity	5.3 g/l
pH	3.771
Residual sugar	2.2 g/l
Vinification	The grapes were harvested at 24.3 balling, in the cool of the morning, and soaked on the skins for four days at 12°C for optimal flavour and colour extraction. The wine was fermented dry on the skins, then racked to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. Maturation took place in barrel for 11 months.
Winemaker's comments	An elegant, richly textured cool climate blend from Elgin; ripe fruit, with vanilla and cigar box notes, a sumptuous complexity and fresh acidity. A velvety finish of fruit cake, which lingers on the palate.