



## 2014 PLUSH RED

**"The grapes were kissed by the sun, and the wine, infused with the passion of our people. Plush red is soft, supple and elegant with a subtle feeling of luxury. Rich bold flavours of dark cherry, blackberry, vanilla and savoury spice." *D Slavink* – Winemaker**

### 2014 VINTAGE NOTES

After a winter that seemed to never end, spring carried on the cool temperatures right through until may, giving bud-break a later start than normal. Cooler temperatures and above average precipitation persisted through the early summer months delaying fruit maturity by several weeks. August brought warmer seasonal temperatures that held right into October. Although faced with a reduced crop from the harsh winter and a challenging growing season, as always, the vines found their balance and grape maturity commenced with the first harvest here on October 9th. The whites are showing concentrated flavours with bright tangy acids. The reds show classic cool climate character with soft plush tannins and a balance of berry fruit and savoury spice.

### TASTING NOTES

Colour is deep ruby. Aromas of cherry, dark chocolate and mocha, with hints of strawberry, vanilla and barrel spice. The palette is soft and round with a sweet fruit core. Flavours of red berry fruit persist with subtle hints of tobacco and leather. Medium+ finish. **Tasted February 2016.**

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit was harvested, crushed and de-stemmed into stainless tanks. After 4 days of cold soak, juices were inoculated with selected yeasts. Musts were pumped over twice daily until dryness was achieved. The wines were pressed off skins and settled before being rack to barrel for 18 months of ageing in a mixture of French and American oak.

### FOOD PAIRING

Try with smoked back ribs or a gourmet burger.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Brix at harvest: 21.23  
pH: 3.71  
Total Acidity: 6 g/L  
Alcohol: 12.5 %  
Sugar rating: Off-dry  
Cellaring: 2-5+ years  
Retail: \$15.95

