

TERRA VALENTINE



2011 MARRIAGE



Vintage:

A wet spring continued with rainfall into mid-June that delayed bloom and then set the stage for a long, cooler-than-average season. With a few high heat events occurring during August the growers managed to open vine canopies to ensure sunlight, warmth and good air circulation around the grape clusters. While quantity was low, the fruit this year will make for well-balanced wines with good intensity, structure and texture with a brightness of flavor.

Vineyard:

Marriage is sourced from the Wurtele Vineyard and Yverdon Vineyards. They are distinguished by a diversity of mountain terrain and vines that are well adapted to the environment. While the mountain sites present challenges – including accessibility, diversity of soils, ripening, and hand labor – they reward the effort in wine filled with intense flavor and color. Each vineyard, with a unique set of soils, exposures, and microclimates, produces a wine of distinction and personality reflecting the terroir of the mountain.

Tasting:

Black currant, crème de cassis and black licorice notes with cocoa, cedar, crushed herbs and vanilla on the aromas. Earthy, dark fruit on the front of the palate that turn bright and rich on the mid palate with a savory, smooth finish.

Composition:

47% Merlot
34% Cabernet Sauvignon
19% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Regime:

20 months in 100% French oak of which 75% were new

Bottling:

125 cases

Harvest Dates:

October 21st - November 1st

Retail:

\$90.00 - 750ml

Vinification:

Average of 16 days on skins, with a 3 day cold soak pre fermentation

Agging: 2018 - 2030

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