



BIG HEAD

a head of our time

2015 Merlot Select

A.B.V 14.7%

R.S. < 3 g/L

T.A. 6.2 g/L

HARVEST October, 24th 2015

ESTIMATED PEAK 2025

SERVE 18°C

WINEMAKER'S NOTES We made this 100% Appassimento. Ripens 3 weeks earlier than Cabernet Franc. The fruit was clean, but very low yielding due to the late spring frost and harsh winter. The concentration that resulted was noticeable. I like Merlot from Niagara-on-the-Lake because of the health, the protection from the lake, and the loose bunches that allow for air-flow and protect from rot. 17 months in new, 1 and 2 year-old Moldovian oak barrels.

SOMMELIER'S NOTES This wine gives me pleasure right out of the gate. The nose is ripe, plenty of black and blue fruit, with a hint of oak vanillins, dark chocolate, and sage. I don't want to drink it yet because I don't want to ruin the aroma at this stage. On the palate, more pleasure. Ripe black and blue berries, black cherry, and a vanilla finish. Beautiful balance between supple tannins, ripeness, acidity, and length. Don't pair this with anything. Enjoy it with a friend or loved one, or hog it for yourself.

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