



# Legacy 2012

35% Cabernet Franc, 23% Malbec,  
22% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Alcohol Level: 13.9%  
Levels: pH 3.65 TA 6.5 g/l  
Sugar: .65 g/l  
Harvest date: October 21st - November 11th, 2012  
**CSPC +9886**

## Tasting Notes

Dark garnet red in colour. The Legacy bouquet delivers enticing aromas of ripe blackberry, leather, and cocoa. Cassis and black currant greet the palate, while lush tannins of almond and baked plum linger in-between. A soft yet structured mouthfeel is complimented with notes of plum and almond on the finish. This age-worthy red blend will only become more expressive with time.

## Harvest Notes

In 2012, the winter months of January and February were normal aside for a brief cold snap where, for a few days, temperatures dipped to – 17 °C. The Spring months of March and April saw the season off to a slow start being two and a half weeks behind normal vineyard progress records. Prolonged coolness and low precipitation levels slowed bud break and bud development. May, June and early July had higher than average rainfall, with double precipitation levels in June, up to 80 mm, from norms of 35 mm. Summer was beautiful, mild and long. Temperatures hovered around 30°C and dry arid days created ideal conditions for vine and fruit growth. Late Summer and Fall months were long, warm and dry, bringing 6 weeks without rain. As a result, there was enhanced fruit ripening and phenolic development. Overall, 2012 was a fantastic growing season in our vineyards.

## Winemaking Notes

Each year The Legacy is determined by nature and the palate of Poplar Grove's winemaking team. Barrels selected for Legacy are deemed worthy based on taste profile and structure. The 2012 Legacy vintage blend is composed of predominantly Cabernet Franc. This vintage the winemaking team decided Malbec would be the secondary varietal due to perfect ripening conditions in the Naramata Vineyards. Malbec's compelling fruit flavours create a roundness and a plump mouthfeel on the palate. Cabernet Sauvignon was added to the blend for its powerful structured tannins and finally our merlot's aromatics completed this legendary Legacy. All of the varietals were hand picked and sorted to ensure only perfect fruit was included in the fermentation process. The wine was inoculated to start malolactic fermentation near the end of primary ferment. This wine was aged 21 months in French oak and then 24 months in our cellar prior to release.

## Cellaring Notes

Ready upon release or cellar up to 10 years.

