



VAN WESTEN VINEYARDS

V 2011



Tasting Notes

An intense and savoury wine combining spicy and peppery notes with plum, burlap, dried wild Okanagan sage and complex cocoa, vanilla, marzipan and pie crust aromas. The palate is built to age with crisp acidity and firm tannins that will resolve with 2-3 years in the cellar to reveal all the cassis, plum, sage, mineral, cocoa, sundried tomato and complex violet notes that lurk beneath.

49% Merlot 21% Cabernet Franc % 24 Malbec 4% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Petit Verdot

426 cases produced

\$35

SKU: 24398

UPC: 626990120800

Alcohol: 14.3%

Aged in French oak barrels for 18-24 months

Vineyard

Name: Home Lot, Boothe Road, Granite Ridge & Salting Vineyard

Location: Naramata Bench

Soil Type: silty loam surface with thin bands of silty clay loam in the subsoil

Distance from the winery: 0.25 – 2 km

Vines planted in: 1999 – 2008

Clone(s): 184 on 3309 (Merlot), 210 on 504 (Cab Franc), 169 on 3309 (Cab Sauv), 181 on 3309 (Merlot), 331 on 3309 (Cab Franc)

Slope & Aspect: varied

Harvest Date(s): October 20th – November 4th, 2011