

# UPPER BENCH

WINERY & CREAMERY



## 2012 MERLOT

\$30

*“The wine is a tour de force of aroma and flavour, with a fine concentrated texture.” 92 points ~ John Schreiner*

### Nose:

- Dark cherry
- Tobacco
- Leather
- Chocolate
- Vanilla

### Palate:

- Black cherry
- Spice
- Earth
- Chocolate

### Vintage Notes:

After a slow wet start, 2012 delivered three warm and sunny months allowing the fruit in this ample vintage to shine through in this big, rich, bold Merlot.

This Merlot was hand picked from our neighbour’s vineyard, Four Shadows Vineyard, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012, and at Drunken Dog Vineyard, also located on the Naramata Bench, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November at an average of 3.63 tons per acre.

CASES 440 | CSPC 783266 | ALC. 14.3% | BRIX 25.25  
TONS/ACRE 3.63 | pH 3.48 | T.A. 6.9 | R.S. 2.8 | V.A. 0.90

**AGING:** 18 MONTHS IN 40% NEW FRENCH OAK

**VINEYARD:** DRUNKEN DOG & FOUR SHADOWS VINEYARD

**PICK DATES:** NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 19<sup>TH</sup>

**PAIRS WITH:** UPPER BENCH KING COLE OR A BIG BEAUTIFUL ROAST DINNER