

# SANDHILL

Every year, when we make our wines at Sandhill, we discover unique and distinctive barrels that deserve very special attention. The result is our ever-evolving **Small Lots Program**, showcasing these finely crafted creations.

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SANDHILL ESTATE VINEYARD  
51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 5% Syrah

**SMALL LOTS  
PROGRAM  
428 CASES**

## GROWING CONDITIONS

The 2006 season began with light but steady spring rain, creating vigorous growing conditions that produced more bunches than desirable. To stay within the yield targets, our growers worked diligently to thin these sizeable clusters cutting almost 40% of the fruit produced on all red varieties.

The season progressed with uninterrupted sunshine and ideal temperatures through late July, except when intense heat became a mild concern for growers. Luckily, the heat wave was short-lived and the crop was unaffected. Forest fires burning across the US border brought a slight haze of smoke to the South Okanagan. The smoke did not impact flavour; however it may have contributed to the extended growing season.

## WINEMAKING

- Gentle crush and 4 day cold soak
- Stainless steel fermentation
- Aged in 1 and 2 year old French and American oak for 21 months

## FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Deep garnet colour with a complex bouquet of cedar, sweet oak, tobacco, black currant, Indian spice and licorice.
- A full-bodied wine with well-integrated components; drying tannins yet silky on the palate and a moderate acidity which is both refreshing and balanced.
- Juicy black fruits, spice and smoky cedar linger endlessly on the finish.
- Pairs well with medium rare red meats such as steaks and sautéed mushrooms, robust game meats, marinated leg of lamb or 2 year old Canadian Cheddar.

## WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14.5%
Dryness Code	0
Sugar	0g/litre
TA	5.99g/litre

Release Date	July 2009
Cases Produced	428
CSPC	620344
PID	1040296
BC Retail	\$34.99

## AWARDS GOLD

**2005 Vintage**  
~ Canadian Wine Awards 2008  
~ San Francisco International Wine Competition 2008

## WINEMAKER NOTES

*"For our iconic 'two', the best berries from the best lots of these Bordeaux varieties were chosen from Sandhill Estate Vineyard. Our goal was to create a big, ageable red that exhibits balance, complexity and length".*

- Howard Soon, Winemaker

## A TRUE EXPRESSION OF THE VINEYARD

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1000-1200 WEST 73RD AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC CANADA V6P 6G5 T 604-267-9463 F 604-264-6810  
VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA

