



## LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS Portfolio 2007



Just like a finely balanced stock portfolio, putting together a blended wine takes finesse and judgement so that the experience of the whole will be greater than the sum of the individual parts. Our flagship Portfolio wine has culminated into becoming a world-class Bordeaux blend by combining first-class grapes and highly reputable winemaking.

**Winemaking Notes:** The 2007 vintage continues to combine the five Bordeaux varietals: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot to create a multi-layered complex wine. The current vintage continues to display a classic Bordeaux style that while being consistent year to year, still leverages the best each vintage brings.

In a continued commitment to quality wine production, we use double sorting tables first by clusters and then by berries to put meticulous attention on using only the best grapes in our wines. Our oak program also continues to be fine-tuned by matching the best French coopers, toast levels and wood grains of the barrels to each varietal. After 14 months of aging, barrels are then individually tasted and selected to create balance in flavours, tannins and acidity in the final blend for Portfolio. This selected blend is then put back in barrel for an additional 4 months of aging.

The resulting wine is densely packed with candied cherry, black berries and dark chocolate tones. Rich, layered and concentrated, Portfolio finishes with a smooth, refined elegance.

**Vintage Notes:** The 2007 vintage really kicked off with an early heat spell in late Spring and then the Okanagan summer took hold with moderately high temperatures throughout the season encouraging ripening without shutting down the vines, which is typical in extreme heat. September arrived with rain which initially caused a bit of hand-wringing for us, but ultimately allowed flavours to develop as the reds hung on the vine well into October.

**Harvest Dates:** Began October 12 and finished October 26, 2007.

**Blend:** Portfolio 2007 is a Bordeaux style blend composed of 56% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot

**Aging:** 19 months in French oak barrels, 40% new, 60% second fill

**Cases Produced:** 2,750 cases    **Availability:** BC, Alberta, Sask, Manitoba, Ontario

**Price:** \$40.00 in B.C (750ml)    **CPSC:** 105353

**\*\* SILVER Medal Winner, San Francisco International Wine Competition 2010**

*"Cynthia and David Enns continue to amaze with their dedication and innovative moves at Laughing Stock. They have fine tuned the 5 Bordeaux varietal grapes used in their 2007 resulting in a **more lifted polished stylish flavourful red blend** which will only improve and add complexity with some patience. Well done!"*

Sid Cross, Wine Writer and Critic

*"This wine delivers its power with elegance. **90 points**" - John Schreiner*