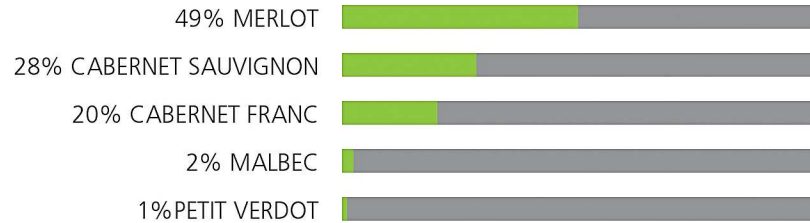




#### THE BLEND



## LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS PORTFOLIO 2014

93 Points - Beppi Crosariol, Globe & Mail

93 points - Anthony Gismondi

94 points - John Schreiner

94 points - Wine Enthusiast "Cellar Selection"

#### Wine Profile

Just like a finely balanced stock portfolio, putting together a blended wine takes finesse and judgment so that the experience of the whole will be greater than the sum of the individual parts. Our Portfolio is a wine that marries the art and science of wine making with a blend of five of the Bordeaux varietals. For the past decade, Portfolio has routinely won top accolades from wine competitions and wine critics alike. A proven chart-topper.

The 2014 vintage of Portfolio has a luscious nose with flavour notes of sun-soaked strawberry, rich plum, dried thyme and a powerful somewhat savoury body. The tannins are muscular and are highlighted by refreshing acid which will ensure the age-ability of this wine. The finish is smooth and velvety and the flavours intermingle and evolve further after every sip.

#### Winemaking Notes

The 2014 vintage combines the five classic varietals: 49% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot to create a multi-layered, complex wine.

Using double sorting tables to sort grapes first by cluster and then by berry allows us to put meticulous attention on using only the best grapes in our wines. Our oak program continues to be fine-tuned and includes the use of oak fermenters in addition to our stainless steel tank ferments. Portfolio is aged exclusively in French oak barrels and puncheons for 19 months.

Barrels are individually tasted and selected to create balance in flavours, tannins and acidity in the final blend of Portfolio.

#### Harvest Date

Began October 06, 2014

#### Aging

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

#### Cases Produced

2450

#### pH

3.51

#### Acidity

6.8 g/L

#### R.S.

0.5 g/L

#### Alcohol

14.9%

**INSIDER TIP** Blending is a complex art to find the balance between the multitude of dimensions including 100 different barrels of 12 different vineyard blocks across 5 grape varietals.

#### Vintage Notes

Simply put, the 2014 growing year was HOT. For grape growing, that translates to a quality vintage year. Even with the typical June rains, the season was above average for temperatures and the early spring really created a long growing season. While we anticipated an early harvest, we did get a nice pause with warm days and cool nights typical of the Okanagan Valley. This allowed flavours to develop and catch up with the sugar development and still retain fresh acidity for balanced whites. Definitely a stunning vintage.

#### Vineyards

Sourced from 3 sites on the Naramata Bench and from the Perfect Hedge Vineyard in Osoyoos, Okanagan Valley.



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