

# CATTAIL CREEK

## FAMILY ESTATE WINERY

*Simply making great wine...*

## SMALL LOT SERIES RIESLING ICEWINE 2012

VQA FOUR MILE CREEK

### THE VINEYARD

Early 2013 was quite mild presenting limited opportunities for the Icewine harvest. Finally on January 22, 2013 in the mid-afternoon we had an opportunity to harvest. Due to the mild temperatures throughout the earlier part of the 2012/2013 winter paired with the later than usual Icewine harvest, expected yields were reduced by approximately 66%. The Riesling used to produce this inaugural vintage of Icewine was Clone 21 (also known as the Weis clone) from Block 120 on the Burning Barn Vineyard. These vines are one of our youngest blocks of Riesling vines which are preferred for Icewine production because of their racier acidity and later ripening tendencies. The

Icewine was measured at 38.4°Brix after pressing on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### THE WINERY

After the much reduced crop of just 350L, the Icewine juice was left to an extended settling due to the cloudiness caused by the late season Icewine harvest. Once a natural clarification was completed, the wine was inoculated with EC1118, a very typical Icewine yeast capable of withstanding the harsh conditions of Icewine fermentation (e.g., cold temperatures, high Brix levels and high acidity levels). Fermentation continued without incident until well into March when it stopped naturally. The Icewine was aged in a stainless steel tank until bottling on July 23, 2013.

### THE WINE

This wine has an incredibly rich and honeyed palette with flavours reminiscent of ripe apricot, orange marmalade, mango, peach and pear. Well-balanced acidity leads to a lengthy, yet dry, finish of citrus and orange. This Riesling Icewine is a wonderful pairing with cantaloupe and prosciutto salad, almond orange shortbread, lemon tart or white chocolate cheesecake. Serve chilled in 1 to 1.5 oz servings.

Alcohol: 11.5%

Residual Sugar: 149.1 g/L

Case Production: 25 cases

Retail Price: \$59.95/375 mL bottle

Licensee Price: \$52.96

Availability: Winery Only