# BLACK SAGE VINEYARD

## **PIPE 2008**

**BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY** 

## **CHOOSE BOLDLY.**

A BOLD CHOICE. BLACK SAGE VINEYARD™ VINES DIG DEEP IN THE PARCHED CANADIAN LANDSCAPE; TENACIOUS VINES THAT FOR OVER 20 YEARS HAVE THRIVED IN THE RUGGED SOUTH OKANAGAN DESERT, PRODUCING ELEGANT RED WINES BRIMMING WITH FLAVOR AND CHARACTER. THESE WINES REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE OKANAGAN VALLEY, AND DEMONSTRATE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RIGHT VINES ARE PLANTED IN THE RIGHT LOCATION.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

In Portugal, Pipe is a wine measure of varying capacity.

We have chosen the name "Pipe" to reflect the time-honoured tradition of Port producers and the quality of this fine wine. This fortified wine is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, usually the last grapes to be harvested, with a Brix level of 25 to 26. Partway through fermentation, the process is stopped by adding high-alcohol grain spirits, bringing the alcohol up to 18-19% and leaving behind residual sugar. The wine is placed in neutral oak barrels for more than three years, allowing the wine to partially oxidize and develop luscious flavours of ripe cherry and soft blackberry with a hint of fig.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

 Size
 500 mL

 alc./vol.
 18.23 %

 Total Acidity
 5.8 g/L

 PH Level
 3.83

 Residual Sugar
 72 g/L

Release Date November 2013
Ageability 12-15 years

