

# NK MIP

{ INKAMEEP }

CELLARS

## MƏR'R'IYM

### 2012 MERITAGE

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#### HARVEST

Although heavy rainfall in June made it difficult for us to keep up with the required shoot thinning and tucking, we experienced typical Okanagan summer weather in July and August, and were able to get right back on track. The good weather in September and October more than made up for June, and allowed us to harvest some very flavourful and well balanced grapes.

#### WINEMAKING

The fruit was sourced from various vineyards on Osoyoos Indian Band land and is a blend of 59% Merlot, 22.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.3% Malbec, and 6% Cabernet Franc. The wine is aged in predominately French oak barrels for 18 months. The blending for this wine takes place over a couple of different "sessions" where each of the potential lots are assessed and individual barrels are evaluated in an effort to create a blend that achieves the aromas, flavours and texture we are looking for in this age worthy wine.

#### TASTING NOTE

Mer'r'iyim (pronounced mur'-eem') means "marriage"; the perfect union of varietals. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec all come together to create an elegant wine that is all about balance, texture, and length. Aromas are of blueberries, black currant, smoke and tobacco with flavours of dark fruit and cherry leading into a lengthy structured finish.

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol/Volume	15.09%	Ageability (Serve until)	2018
Dryness	0	Serving Temperature	16° C
pH Level	3.74	Oak Aging	yes
Residual Sugar	1.6 g/L		
Total Acidity	6.6 g/L		
Release Date	May 2013		

Please enjoy responsibly.

