

# David Eagle gamay 2018

'This gamay was a joy to make, with the aromas exciting me from the moment we handpicked the fruit, all the way through to capturing it in a bottle. The fermentation was smooth and steady, allowing me some rare sleep while this baby was developing. Notes of cherry, raspberry, broody blueberry, pomegranate and dried flowers are contrasted with lush earthy forest and warm liquorice spice. The finish is smooth and long.'

*Winemaker, David Eiberg*

**Cases produced:** 82      **Varietal:** 100% gamay      **Yield:** 2.9 metric tonnes per acre

**Harvested:** 12 October 2018      **Brix:** 22.7

**Fruit:** ripe, clean berries with moderately mature stems

**Vineyard:** Foxcroft Vineyard, Twenty Mile Bench, Ontario, Canada (elevation 310 ft)

**Climate:** continental      **Irrigation:** dry farming

**Soil:** rich, calcareous clay loam soil with varying degrees of silt, limestone gravel and boulders

**Age of vines:** 21 years      **Training:** two arm vertical shoot positioning

**Growing season:** 'The 2018 summer season was one of the hottest on record in Ontario, with very little rain. It was on a path to being a worry-free vintage, until mid-harvest rains brought some panic. Although many battles were had with extreme weather, the warm and sunny growing season resulted in quick ripening and even ripe stems for our gamay which allowed the inclusion of 30% whole-cluster fruit.'

**Harvested:** by hand, with table-sort      **Pressing:** two hour gentle cycle

**Yeast type:** wild, ambient

**Fermentation** 30% whole-cluster. Five day cold soak at 10 degrees Celsius followed by an 11-day primary fermentation. Gentle punch-downs and pump-overs were employed when needed to keep the cap healthy and to extract flavour and structure. 100% of the wine went through malolactic fermentation, taking one month to complete.

**Elevage:** Rested in 225L neutral barriques for 9 months on fine lees (no stirring).

**Fining:** Unfined      **Filtration:** Unfiltered      **Bottle age before release:** 4 months

**Closure type:** recyclable and renewable plant-based composite with organic beeswax button



**ABV:** 13.07%      **RS:** 2.11g/L      **TA:** 6.03g/L      **pH:** 3.4      **So2:** 9ppm free