

MAIN FEATURES

VQA Niagara-on-the-Lake

Total Production

298 cases

Grape varietal

45% Cabernet Franc 24% Cabernet Sauvignon 18% Merlot 13% Malbec

Harvest

October 21 to November 6, 2019

Growing Conditions

Semi-continental cool climate largely influenced by the interplay between Lake Ontario's moderating influence and the ridge of the Niagara Escarpment.

Soil Type

Shallow glacially deposited soil, atop a bedrock of red shale formation.



DARK SIDE 2019

Darkside is built on the foundation of life's duality between life's ups and downs. Like a wild ride, through the dark side of the force, this arresting, full-bodied red blend is named for its bold and intense character with aromatic nuances of raspberry, red currant and blackberry jam. Complex layers of black cherry and dried peonies are merged together with rich flavours of freshly ground espresso beans, licorice and fresh dug beets that are perfect for fall nights or just when you want to enjoy a big bold red in the comfort of your home. It's the perfect elixir for coping with the darkside; a wine for battling through the hardships of life and persevering over them like a warrior. This is your battle cry--a wine for celebrating life's journey by taking each moment in stride, and sharing it with your loved ones!

VINIFICATION

Fermentation vessel

Stainless steel

100% Malolactic fermentation

Aging

225L French oak barrels for 20 months

DATA AT BOTTLING

Alcohol: 13.5%

Residual sugar: 1.00 g/ L

TA: 5.5 g/L

pH: 3.65

Each vintage of Fred Wines is crafted using carefully selected grapes from our friends in the Niagara region. Variety makes life worth living and wine worth drinking; therefore, we look forward to the ever-changing harvests that lead us to source grapes that best embody the style of each wine.