



PAINTED ROCK  
ESTATE WINERY Ltd.

## 2012 PAINTED ROCK ESTATE GROWN MERLOT CSPC #512319

### TASTING NOTES

*18 months 50% new French oak.*

Elegance and freshness on the nose bursting with black fruits of bramble berry & blackberry as well as savoury notes of licorice, eucalyptus and sage. The palate follows through with well integrated toasty, talc like tannins, cherries, currants and earth as well as fresh acidity that keeps you wanting more. A wine that proves Merlot is not only for blending.

### REVIEWS

**91-92 Points** Not so much as improves on the outstanding 2011 vintage, but rather, dials up the intensity of certain elements, like the robust tannins and dense blackberry purée on the nose and palate, thanks to the hotter growing season which delivered more sun and heat units for the vineyard team to work with. Sweet berry fruit, licorice, vanilla, spices, cocoa, French oak and lifted floral aromas creating a layered, expressive, feminine nose worth quaffing for hours. The palate is intense, yet, refined and well balanced with rich dark fruit supported by savoury flavours and finishes with vibrant acidity and a kick of spice that lingers through to the next sip. *Liam Carrier*

**92 Points** The wine begins with a glorious aroma of cassis, plum and black cherry. It delivers flavours of black currant with notes of tobacco, leather and cedar. The texture is dense, with long ripe tannins. This will cellar as well as the Cabernet Sauvignon. *John Schreiner*



### WINE SPECS

**Harvest Date** October 23, 2012

**Acid** 6.8 g/L

**PH** 3.56

**Aging** 18 months 50% new French oak

**Bottling Date** June 25, 2014

**Residual Sugar** 2.5 g/L

**Alcohol %** 14.8

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