

# BLASTED CHURCH™

## THE DAM FLOOD 2008

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

### HARVEST NOTES

The 2008 Dam Flood is a blend of Merlot (60%) and our estate grown Lemberger (40%). Lemberger is a late ripening varietal that could be compared to Gamay. Typically, Lemberger makes lighter fruiter wines that are high in acid and pack a spicy and peppery punch. In late October our estate grown Lemberger develops flavors of cherries and dark berries. These characteristics blended with Merlot made for a perfect blend. The Merlot for the 2008 Dam Flood was chosen because it added depth to the light bodied Lemberger. The Merlot was harvested from a young (fourth leaf) vineyard in Oliver in mid October.

### WINEMAKING

The Merlot portion of the blend was harvested before the Lemberger. Both varietals went through the same process of being sorted whole cluster and then whole berry. The fruit was then left to cold soak for 4-7 days. The must was then inoculated with yeast and underwent a fermentation that lasted 10-14 days. The ferment reached a maximum temperature of 35 degrees. After fermentation was complete; the cap was left to sink in hopes of softening any harsh tannin. The must was kept warm until it was pressed off. After pressing the Merlot and Lemberger the wines were put into barrel where they underwent malo-lactic fermentation and aged for 8 months.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

**Colour:** Crimson.

**Bouquet:** Pepper, cherry, cassis, raspberry, vanilla.

**Palate:** Medium bodied wine with an abundance of cherry, layers of plum, cranberry, notes of chocolate finishing off with vanilla and cloves.

**Food Pairings:** Bison burgers, peppered red meats, ajiaco (latin beef and pepper stew) .

### Varietal Profile

60% Merlot - Oliver  
40% Lemberger - Blasted Church

### Brix at Harvest

24.8 Bx  
22.5 Bx

Total acidity: 6.6 g/L  
Final pH: 3.61  
Residual Sugar: 2.0 g/L  
Alcohol: 13.7%  
Cases Produced: 1533  
CSPC: +734400

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