

## 2016 Poetica Red vQA

**CERTIFICATION:** Biodynamic & Organic. Suitable for vegans and vegetarians.

### IN THE VINEYARD:

Varietal : 93% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
4% Merlot  
3% Petit Verdot  
Appellation: VQA Four Mile Creek  
Brix at harvest: 21.1°

### IN THE WINERY:

Hand harvested from our Estate vineyard. Clusters were sorted, and whole berries were fermented in micro-cuvee lots in open top New French oak barrels. Post-pressing these lots were returned to the barrel for aging. After 18 months of aging, individual barrels were tasted, assessed, and blended to produce a blend that meet our standards for Poetica. Poetica is most often dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2016 is the first time the blend was best at over 90% CS. After bottling, this wine rested in bottle for over 24 months prior to release.

Alcohol: 13%  
pH: 3.6  
Residual Sugar: <3 g/L  
Free SO<sub>2</sub>: 6 mg/l  
Bottled: June 2018  
Closure: Natural Cork  
Cases Produced: 134

### IN THE GLASS:

Rick VanSickle:  
The expressive nose shows a concentration of ripe blackberries, black currants, dark cherries, elegant oak spices and mocha. Such a soulful wine on the palate with an enticing array of ripe black currants, cassis, kirsch and blackberries that marry perfectly to the woody spices, ripe tannic structure, mocha and toasted vanilla notes. The fruit echos on the finish for minutes with enough juicy acidity to keep it balanced and poised for many years to come.”

- 95 Points

