

# BENCH775<sup>®</sup>

## SWEET WINE CLUB

### 2014 Whistler Merlot VQA Icewine

Pale copper in colour, this very aromatic wine has notes of caramel, jam, dried raspberry and baked apple. A long finish balanced with fresh acidity makes this a fabulous wine to have with sharp cheeses, dried meats, or dark chocolate desserts.

### 2016 Paradise Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon VQA Icewine

Cabernet Sauvignon icewine is an interesting interpretation of a varietal that is usually made into a big bold red wine. This Cabernet Sauvignon icewine has concentrated flavours of dried damson plum, raisins, cocoa and caramel, with a slight tannin finish to make this icewine feel all grown up. Savoury dried herb characteristics make this an ideal icewine to pair with sweet roast meats (honeyed ham), charcuteries, dark chocolate or enjoyed on its own.

### 2017 Paradise Ranch Merlot VQA Late Harvest

The 2017 Late Harvest Merlot was handpicked (28.3 brix) in late November when the fruit began to shrivel and lose water content, so that the flavors would be more concentrated. After pressing the Merlot was transferred to stainless and the clean juice was racked, then underwent fermentation for three weeks. Ruby red in color, the Late Harvest Merlot has aromas of strawberry and rhubarb pie, hints of watermelon and red grapefruit. Notes of caramel, dried fruit, and spice on the palate. Enjoy this wine with dark chocolate, fruit galette and gorgonzola or Gruyere.

# NOTES

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