



# PONDVIEW

ESTATE WINERY

## Pondview 2012 Bella Terra Meritage

**As you sip any one of PondView's wines, you are tasting three generations of winemaking experience.**

Our family-owned Niagara winery is headed by [Luciano \(Lou\)](#) and [Adriana Puglisi](#), with a grape-growing tradition that's been handed down from one generation to the next. Our European sensibility is rooted in our Italian heritage and is a big part of the PondView experience.

### **The Puglisi Family Story begins in Sicily, many years ago.**

The family first grew vines and produced their own wine, as many Italians did. When Giuseppe Puglisi emigrated to Canada in 1965, he brought with him his passion for grape growing and winemaking. His son Lou has been passed the torch, and he now carries on the family tradition. He has embraced this traditional art form and has cultivated some of the finest wines in the Niagara Region.

Luciano's enthusiasm and respect for the winemaking process, alongside his dedication and commitment to excellence, earned him the prestigious title of [Grape King](#) in 2008, awarded by the Ministry of Agriculture to the finest vineyard operator in Ontario.

### **Tasting Notes:**

Merlot mellows out our otherwise intense and earthy 2012 Meritage.

Extremely ripe fruit this year gave our winemaker Fred DiProffio the opportunity to add Merlot to this fine wine.

This year's blend brings in Merlot for the first time, with a generous dollop of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc to bring everything together.

Dark chocolate dominates the nose, with black cherries, currants and baking spices waiting in the background. On the palate velvety tannins are surrounded by dark chocolate, tobacco, leather and an earthy richness with an extensive finish.

Pair with Grilled portabello mushrooms, zucchini, peppers atop a bed of nutty quinoa.

This wine is one of our unfiltered Bella Terra series.

