



PONDVIEW

ESTATE WINERY

Pondview 2013 Bella Terra Reserve Cabernet Appassimento

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:

The pinnacle of our Bella Terra reds.

This amazing wine was crafted with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, hand harvested on November 16th and dried for 6 weeks at cool temperatures, until an optimal flavour development and concentration was achieved.

The grapes were removed from the drying greenhouse and hand sorted before being gently crushed and destemmed. The Brix after drying ranged from 26.8 to 28.2 and the fermentation proceeded on skins for 3 weeks. After the completion of fermentation, the wine was pressed and racked to new French oak barrels where it has been developing for 20 months.

Intense ruby colouring concentrated in the centre, feathering out slightly towards the edge. Dark aromas on the nose of blackberries, black licorice, currants, spices, caramel and pipe tobacco; reminiscent of stout beer. The palate is creamy and spicy with deep flavours of licorice, bitter chocolate, espresso, black raspberry and currents.

"Good things come to those who wait" rings true for this wine. This is a style that is intended to 'rest' for many years allowing the flavours and aromas to mature, integrate and develop within the bottle. Beef Brisket slow cooked in red wine will develop deep flavours to match the intensity and boldness of this wine.

Cellar 7 - 10 years

