



# CHARLES BAKER

## 2020 CHARLES BAKER RIESLING VQA VINEMOUNT RIDGE

Charles Baker Wines uncovers special Riesling sites in the Niagara Peninsula. The Niagara Escarpment is a special and rare base on which to grow wine. The bedrock dates back millions of years and is constantly shifting and evolving. Lake Ontario, close by, enables the vineyards to survive extreme conditions. The nature of our climate guarantees wines of finesse, ageability and enjoyability. All 'CB' wines are brought to bottle at Stratus Vineyards by the finest and most devoted group of winemakers in all of Canada



### VINTAGE REPORT

2020 was a remarkable year for weather and wine in Ontario. Warmer than average winter months led to a cool dry April and May. The approach of summer brought a return of the hot weather with low precipitation and humidity. Similar conditions continued through August with only short, isolated, but intense thunderstorms. While temperatures began to naturally cool, sunshine remained throughout the autumn. The dry, sunny conditions were ideal for the full and complete maturation of grapes and contributed to a smooth harvest. Across the region, unseasonably warm weather delayed the icewine harvest, resulting in a loss of tonnage. These temperature conditions postponed picking into the last week of January. While the overall grape crop was low, quality across all varieties was exceptional.

### TASTING NOTE

Generous nose with beautiful depth and freshness. Like all great wines, the nose ebbs and flows as the wine aerates and warms. Ginger, sweet caramel apple, peppery radish, and a slight candied fruit character. Such remarkable consistency from this vineyard. Lovely mouthfeel with great extract from this warm vintage. Rich but never heavy thanks to the slight spice from the 11.7% alcohol and juicy but rounded acidity which keeps the fruit nicely framed. Long finish with ginger, apple skin, and wet stone. This wine should evolve nicely through 2035.

### GRAPE VARIETIES

Riesling

### VITICULTURE

Harvested September 27

### APPELLATION

VQA Vinemount Ridge

### VINEYARD

Picone Vineyard

### DATA AT BOTTLING

Alcohol 11.7%

Residual Sugar 18.5g/L

Titrateable Acidity 9.79g/L

pH 2.95