

PRESQUE ISLE

WINE CELLARS

2014 HARVEST GRAPE REPORT

We hope that you had a great 2013 vintage and a great summer. It is just about time to start the 2014 harvest. As some of you may know we experienced one of the worst winters on record. With that, it is safe to say that we suffered significant damage in certain blocks of our vineyards. The *V. vinifera* varieties took the brunt of the winter on the chin; we also have some significant injury in the hybrid vineyards too. The Natives came through virtually unscathed.

We have been closely monitoring the damage in these blocks to see just how serious the damage was. We are now at the point we can see just how severe the winter injury was in our vineyard blocks. Early on the fear was that the *V. vinifera* blocks were completely killed which would affect us not only this year but for years to come. As it turns out a good portion of our *vinifera* vineyards will not have a crop this year but the silver lining is that they were not killed all the way (which was the worst case) and a majority of these damaged vines pulled through and put up new shoots.



This is great news because it means that the vineyards will not need to be replanted and the vineyards will be back into production sooner. Certain hybrids are showing the same thing as well.

We are working diligently with our growers and doing everything we can for our valued customers to offer the highest quality fruit and juice for this upcoming vintage.

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