



## 2011 The Ladybird - Organic Viticulture

### Technical details:

Varietal:	41 % Cab. Sauv., 26 % Cab. Franc, 19 % Merlot, 7 % Petit Verdot, 7 % Malbec
Alcohol:	13.5%
Total acidity:	6.1 g/l
pH:	3.73
Residual sugar:	1.9 g/l

### Tasting notes:

Laibach proudly presents the Ladybird Red 2011. This is our 8th release of this very popular wine. The vintage 2011 was very small for us but the quality was again outstanding. It is great working in an outstanding area with such a great climate to produce consistent wines with organically grown grapes. We had a relative dry winter and some wind in flowering which naturally lowered our crop. Flowering was with very little threat of diseases which very much helped our philosophy of organic viticulture. The growing season was very dry and we had average temperatures with no rain during harvest. Very healthy grapes were harvested by hand from around the 15th of February. We only pick about 15–18 tons per day. We have a very strict sorting regime with a modern sorting table to get rid of all unwanted green stems etc. that the destemmer cannot remove. Some batches will be cooled down to extreme low temperatures to help us using cold soak techniques before fermentation. Fermentation is mostly done in small open top stainless steel tanks but we are experimenting with fermentation in wood. Manual punch downs are used for the extraction of colour, tannin and flavour. Skin contact can be anything from 3 – 40 days depending on vintage, cultivar and block. We do not have a fixed recipe for anything at Laibach and we just let nature do the basics for us. Every year we also experiment with a few new things to enhance the colour, flavour and tannin structure of the wines. During 2011 we had very small berries and tannin management was critical in producing something that will be more approachable but in the same time have enough depth and character to last 5–8 years after the vintage. Beautiful, dark red colour. An amazing bouquet with hints of violets, crushed berries and cedar wood. On the palate, oodles of black berry, some leather and spice. Great freshness on the palate with the fruit well supported by just a hint of French oak. Medium bodied, with juicy tannins and an enjoyable dry finish. A wine for any occasion, with very good complexity, purity and enough structure to keep 5–10 years after bottling. Enjoy!