



CSM 2019

45% Merlot, 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Syrah
Alcohol Level: 14.3%
Levels: pH 3.74 TA 6.5 g/l
Sugar: 0.51 g/l
Harvest date: October 25 - 31, 2019

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Tasting Notes

Brilliant ruby red in colour with an instant aroma of chokecherry, allspice, and Okanagan garrigue that greet you right away with the unveiling of this wine. Deep ruby in colour this medium bodied wine is gripped with spicy tannins. A fresh acidity gives a platform to bouquets of rosemary, sage, cardamom, and vanilla flavours. Steering your taste buds towards BBQ flavours to compliment the smoky finish.

Harvest Notes

The 2019 winter brought extremes: warm 12° January days to lows of - 22° and lots of snow in February. When the buds started pushing, we noted that the colder months had resulted in a bit of bud and vine death in our Naramata Bench Vineyards. Bud burst was two weeks later than average due to the long winter. The beginning of Okanagan spring was one of the driest on record. However, by the end of June, the valley saw a cooling trend that lasted through most of July and brought much precipitation. At the end of July, the real Okanagan summer started with hot sunny days and little precipitation. The grapes soaked in the summer heat and quickly made up for lost time. Variation in our reds happened right on schedule. September was wetter than usual. October was dry with 15° days and 2 to 6° nights. On October 9th, a -4° frost dropped the leaves in most of our vineyards. After the frost, the weather was perfect to hang the fruit until the end of October, with all the remaining vineyards achieving the right amount of flavour, sugar, and acid. No Floods. No Smoke. Overall, it was a low tonnage year with excellent ripe fruit across all varieties in our vineyards.

Winemaking Notes

Each varietal in this wine was processed individually and the final blend assembled with care and consideration. The blend is comprised of fruit that is 55% Osoyoos and 45% in Penticton. The result is a dry complex blend that shows energy and tension throughout. 2019 is the first year of using a 'Stelvin Closure' instead of cork in order to better preserve the fruit characters of the wine.

Cellaring Notes

Ready upon release and can be cellared until 2025.

Accolades

Silver - Decanter

Silver - Los Angeles International Wine Competition

