

# The Legacy 2017

40% Merlot, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 6% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot Alcohol Level: 14.5%

Levels: pH 3.85 TA 6.2 g/l

Sugar: 0.6 g/l

Harvest date: September 25 - November 7, 2017

CSPC +49748

# **Tasting Notes**

Deep ruby red. Aromas of cassis, violet, and blackberry. Flavours of fresh currants, dark berries and baking spices with delicate notes of caramel and iris. Supple tannins and a lengthy finish complete this wine. The Legacy 2017 is beginning to show the complexity that will develop in time with cellar aging.



## **Harvest Notes**

A cold Canadian winter, unusually wet spring, and dry summer yielded wines with excellent balance and distinct varietal flavours. Crops were lighter than normal, but the vintage will be remembered for unprecedented food and drought conditions, and a persistent haze from nearby forest fires.

While not directly affecting our grape-growing areas, the haze blanketed the sun coverage, preventing the customary heat spikes and positively impacted the growing season by slowing down the grape ripening periods and flavour development. Ripening was assisted by the rigorous leaf plucking and bunch thinning of our dogged, never-say-die vineyard crew. Ultimately, slightly lower yields and phenomenal fruit quality delivered an excellent 2017 vintage, characterized by high flavour concentration, moderate alcohol, balanced tannins, complexity and natural acidity.

#### **Winemaking Notes**

The Legacy is a singular wine defined by the sum of its parts. Elegant and refined, the 2017 version marries elegance and finesse, with serious density and grip. Bordeaux-inspired perhaps, but with the suppleness and freshness that is purely Okanagan. All component varietals were estate grown and hand-picked for their specific characteristics, then rigorously sorted prior to fermentation and extended maceration. The various lots were aged in 100% traditional French barriques for 21 months before the final blend was assembled, and then matured in-bottle for 2 years prior to release.

### **Cellaring Notes**

Fresh and vigorous upon release, The Legacy 2017 can be cellared for up to 15 years. Drink before 2035.

#### **Accolades**

GOLD: 96 points - London Wine Competition

SILVER - Decanter World Wines

SILVER - San Francisco Wine Competition

