



# The Legacy 2016

33% Cabernet Franc, 25% Malbec, 15% Merlot,  
14% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot  
Alcohol Level: 14.0%  
Levels: pH 3.75 TA 6.3 g/l  
Sugar: 0.4 g/l  
Harvest date: September 25 - November 11, 2016

**CSPC +441691**

## Tasting Notes

Medium Ruby Red with a thin garnet rim showing graceful aging. Aromas of leather, red plum and cigar box with hints of vanilla. Rich berry fruit and dark chocolate with subtle notes of fennel and caramel on the finish. Medium-to-full bodied with fine tannins create a soft yet structured mouthfeel and an elegant finish. This age worthy blend will become more expressive with time.



## Harvest Notes

In 2016, spring arrived very early and warm, with bud break four weeks ahead of normal. A late April snowstorm in South Osoyoos took the thriving vines by surprise, destroying a tiny fraction of our petit verdot vineyards. The summer that followed turned out to be wetter and cooler than expected, which slowed fruit development and forced increased vineyard management. Luckily, the long, warm fall season that saw a gradual cool down in temperature week after week, gave the grapes extra time to achieve full ripeness and flavour characteristics. The extended fall season was instrumental in preparing the vines to survive what was to be the coldest winter the Okanagan Valley has seen in 50 years. The slow cooling process throughout fall allowed the vines time to enter a gradual dormancy, turn woody and store their reserves for hibernation. Overall, the 2016 growing season was long, weathered and embraced by the team. We are grateful for the persistence and patience of the vineyard crew and Mother Nature, which resulted in yet another fantastic vintage.

## Winemaking Notes

The Legacy is a singular wine defined by the sum of its parts. Elegant and refined, the 2016 version marries power 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 2016 can be cellared for up to 15 years. Drink before 2031.