



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

VARIETY: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
PRODUCTION: 335 CASES  
ALC./VOL.: 14.6%  
OTHER: pH 3.87, TA: 6.2 g/L, RS: 2.6 g/L  
CSPC: + 231217

### THE GRAPES

Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the world's most famous wine grape varieties, grown in many regions around the world. It is a relatively late ripening grape variety that is recognized as a key variety in left bank Bordeaux blends and is a staple in our blend, Border Vines. Although we grow Cabernet Sauvignon grapes at multiple sites, the grapes we use for our varietal Cabernet Sauvignon wine are only grown in the Saunders Vineyard on the Osoyoos East Bench. That makes this is a single vineyard wine even though it is not indicated on the label.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2016 growing season in Osoyoos was a fantastic one for late ripening red varieties. In Osoyoos, spring was early and hot, with early bud break and flowering. Summer started off a little cooler than expected but August was hot and dry leading to early veraison and a long and warm fall and harvest season. The luxurious ripening season resulted in excellent fruit, with well-balanced acid and sugar levels, and optimal physiological ripeness.

### VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Saunders Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect and slope.
- Soil: loamy sand with silica and granite composition.
- Harvest date: October 11, 2016
- Brix at harvest: 24.3 Brix

### WINEMAKING

- Grapes hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, then sorted again prior to destemming and pumping through to fermenters. No crushing.
- Warm to hot red fermentation at approx. 28°C to 31°C in variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenters
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; Saury, Cadus and François Frères. 25% new French Oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Bottled: March 2018

### TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a medium to full-bodied wine that is deep ruby in colour. It has an alluring nose of cassis, blackcurrant and dried cherry. On the palate, the notes of black fruit continue, along with notes of cigar box and vanilla. This is backed up with a lush, smooth tannin structure. This wine drinks well now but will start coming into its own after at least two years of bottle age. It will continue to evolve and mature in the bottle over the next eight to ten years with rewarding results.