



TOURIGA NACIONAL 2019

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| VARIETY: | 100% TOURIGA NACIONAL |
| PRODUCTION: | 1,339 litres (149 cases) |
| ALC./VOL.: | 15.5% |
| OTHER: | pH 3.94, TA: 6.5 g/L, RS: 3.7 g/L |
| CSPC: | + 30841 |

THE GRAPES

Touriga Nacional is a red grape variety that is best known for being grown in the Douro and Dão region of Portugal. Often used in blends to make port, it is increasingly being used to make table wines. This low yielding variety produces very few bunches of small grapes. The resulting high skin-to-pulp ratio makes for well-structured, aromatic wines. To the best of our knowledge, Moon Curser is the only producer in British Columbia making table wine from this unique grape variety.



WINEMAKING

- Grapes hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard, then sorted again prior to destemming and pumping through to fermenters. No crushing.
- Warm red fermentation in the range of approx. 22°C to 25°C in a variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenter.
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily.
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frère. 28% new French oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Vegan: YES
- Bottled: March 2021



VINTAGE REPORT

In 2019 spring arrived a little later than usual in Osoyoos, but was quite mild with temperatures just shy of 20°C. Summer brought high heat, with only small amounts of rain at appropriate times, allowing the vines to catch up from the late spring. Cooler temperatures towards the end of summer allowed for the development of both bright, lively acidity and balanced, complex flavour profiles. Heavy rainfall in early September, and a cold snap in early October provided some difficulties during harvest but did not affect the quality or integrity of Moon Curser grapes. This season allowed for incredible flavour development and balanced accumulation of sugars and acids, all amplified by the low fruit yields experienced in the Okanagan that year.

TASTING NOTES

A showstopper of a wine, our 2019 Touriga Nacional is a medium to full-bodied red wine, with a dark ruby colour in the glass. An incredibly rich nose of lavender, fennel and sage invite you in, while velvety tannins, smooth texture and harmonious acidity provide a perfect backdrop for the palate. Concentrated flavours of rosemary, thyme and stewed blueberries leave you wanting every last drop. This is an exceptional wine that delivers a truly captivating tasting experience. Our 2019 Touriga Nacional will reward those who cellar this wine over the next five to seven years. Having said that, this is a wine you will have a hard time not enjoying now. Winemakers are not supposed to have favourite wines, but if they did...

VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Moon Curser Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect/slope.
- Soil: loamy sand, with silica and granite.
- Harvest date: November 4th, 2019
- Brix at harvest: 27.0 Brix