



CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015

VARIETY: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
PRODUCTION: 289 CASES
ALC./VOL.: 14.5%
OTHER: pH 3.75, TA: 6.26 g/L, RS: 1.65g/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 growing conditions of 2015 were very good with an early, warm spring and a warmer than usual summer. At the height of summer, the season was interrupted by forest fires. Although incredibly distressing, the fires did not have a lasting effect on the grapes grown on the Osoyoos East Bench. We finished the season with a good fall; the start of veraison was normal to a little late along with typical diurnal temperature patterns.

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: mid-October 2015
- Brix at harvest: 25.2 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 2017

TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a medium to full-bodied wine that is medium ruby in colour with hints of purple. It has an intense nose of cassis, blackberry and black cherry. On the palate, the lush notes of black fruit continue, along with those of vanilla and coffee. This is backed up with a medium tannic texture and intensity. 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 satisfying results.