



## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017

VARIETY: 100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
PRODUCTION: 2,475 litres (275 cases)  
ALC./VOL.: 14.8%  
OTHER: pH 3.80, TA: 6.3 g/L, RS: 1.8 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 Fernandes 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 2017 growing season in Osoyoos did not deliver any significant deviations from the expected weather patterns. Spring was a little cooler and arrived a little later than usual, but summer delivered slightly above average temperatures with little rain which allowed the vineyards to catch up. Many burning wildfires resulted in stagnant air throughout the valley and increased humidity although smoke taint was not a concern. Fall weather was average, with wide diurnal margins in the early fall and a cold snap in early November. On balance – a good typical Osoyoos growing season that delivered quality, well-balanced fruit at harvest.

### VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Fernandes Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect and slope.
- Soil: loamy sand with silica and granite composition.
- Harvest date: November 5, 2017
- Brix at harvest: 22.9 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. 30°C in variable capacity 5,000L stainless steel fermenters.
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily.
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frères. 33% new French oak, remainder – neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank and barrel.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Vegan: YES
- Bottled: March 2019

### TASTING NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon is a full-bodied wine that is deep ruby in colour. It has an intense nose of blueberry, dark chocolate and eucalyptus. On the palate, the lush notes on the nose are complemented nicely with notes of blackcurrant, vanilla bean, chocolate-covered raisins and black cherry. This is backed up with a velvety tannin texture and rich intensity. Our Cabernet Sauvignon starts to come into its own at least two years after bottling, although the vibrant fruit present in the wine renders it quite approachable earlier. It will continue to evolve and mature in the bottle over the next eight to ten years, rewarding those willing to cellar their bottles.