



TOURIGA NACIONAL 2020

VARIETY:	100% TOURIGA NACIONAL
PRODUCTION:	1,308 litres (145 cases)
ALC./VOL.:	14.5%
OTHER:	pH 3.97, TA: 5.3 g/L, RS: 2.4 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 has gained a considerable amount of popularity in the making of table wines. This low yielding variety produces very few bunches of small grapes. The resulting 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.

VINTAGE REPORT

In 2020 spring began slightly later than usual with mild temperatures of around 20°C. Early summer brought rain which contributed to (bad news) lower than expected fruit yields at harvest and thus (good news!) higher sugars and flavour intensities across the board for all of our grape varieties. This rainy period was followed by high heats, which allowed for a great development of complex flavour profiles, while the cooler nights allowed for the development of a bright, natural acidity in the resulting wines. This weather continued through to harvest. 2020 was a year to remember, for many different reasons - one being the level of quality seen from the Moon Curser grapes during the vintage season. The unforgettable season allowed for fantastic flavour development and balanced accumulation of sugars and acidity.

VINEYARD

- Osoyoos East Bench, Moon Curser Vineyard
- Class 1 vineyard site, south-west aspect/slope.
- Soil: loamy sand, with silica and granite.
- Harvest date: October 30th, 2020
- Brix at harvest: 23.6 Brix

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 kept at approx. 25°C in a variable capacity 5,000 L stainless steel fermenter.
- Gentle pumpovers three times daily.
- Cooperage: 225 L barriques; François Frères. 33% new French oak, remainder - neutral barrels.
- Malolactic Fermentation: YES, in tank.
- Filtered: YES
- Fined: NO
- Vegan: YES
- Bottled: March 2022

TASTING NOTES

A consistent star in the Moon Curser portfolio, our 2020 Touriga Nacional continues to shine bright. The wine is a medium-bodied red wine, with a medium ruby colour in the glass. An intoxicating nose of cinnamon, plum, fennel and strawberry rhubarb pie invite you in, while velvety tannins, supple structure and optimal acidity provide the perfect backdrop for the palate notes of rosemary, pomegranate, and wet slate. This is a captivating wine that shines in any tasting lineup. While enjoyable now, our 2020 Touriga Nacional will reward those with the patience to cellar through 2027 - 2029.

