

2018

Cuvée

PHANTOM CREEK VINEYARD

40% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 31% PETIT VERDOT, 19% MALBEC, 5% CABERNET FRANC, 5% SYRAH

The Phantom Creek Vineyard Cuvée is our best expression of this acclaimed vineyard. In 2018, this Cuvée is a Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blend that captures the power and opulence of our namesake vineyard. Creamy aromatics that resemble unsweetened chocolate, blackberries and cassis. Firm tannins and substantial structure greet you on the palate with deep and dark fruit flavours. Blackberries, plums, a hint of terroir characteristic sage, and some integrated toasty oak notes from the barrel fermentation, round out a finish that lingers endlessly.

Awards

95 points - John Szabo MS, WineAlign

94 points - Sara d'Amato, WineAlign

Phantom Creek Vineyard

Established by pioneering viticulturist Richard Cleave, Phantom Creek Vineyard is located on the lower terrace of the Black Sage Bench just above the warm valley floor.

ESTABLISHED

1996

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ACRES

8.4

ELEVATION

316-333m

Cuvée N°23

A cool start to spring resulted in a slightly later than average bud break. However ideal flowering conditions were possible thanks to warmer temperatures and dry conditions in late spring. Summer was warm allowing for continued fruit development. And the classic long, dry and sunny fall conditions in October really helped with increased flavour development and acidity retention. Harvest 2018 was longer than usual due to the unique conditions experienced during the growing season, nevertheless a promising one.

VINTAGE

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RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.2 g/L

HARVEST DATE

October 4-29

ALCOHOL

14.5%

FERMENTATION

26% barrel fermented

TOTAL ACIDITY

4.5 g/L

MATURATION

21 months in French oak,
62% new

pH

3.7

BOTTLING DATE

August 11, 2020

AGING POTENTIAL

15+ years

