

2019 Petite Cuvée

ESTATE

50% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 25% MERLOT 15% CABERNET
FRANC 8.5% PETIT VERDOT 1% SYRAH .5% MALBEC

Select barrels were chosen from across our Estate vineyards to create a distinct and full-bodied red wine. Our 2019 Petite Cuvée offers notes of cigar box, cedar spice and ripe red and black berry fruits such as blueberry and dark cherry. The palate is graced by graphite and earthy notes along with dusty tannins and a backbone of Okanagan garrigue. This juicy wine is approachable and well-balanced with a lengthy fruit finish.

The Vineyards

This wine comes from our Estate vineyards located on the Black Sage Bench and Golden Mile Bench. Our vineyards on the Black Sage Bench produce finessed, elegant wines while the southerly aspect of our Golden Mile Bench vineyard allow the vines to bask in the early morning sun. On gravelly soils, wines from this vineyard are known for being mineral-driven, well structured, with a balanced ripeness and fresh acidity.

The Vintage

A cooler April in 2019 was quickly followed by warm conditions in May and June resulting in perfectly timed bud break in the vineyards. Summer brought more warmth to the valley but temperatures were average and this allowed the vines to fully develop. Harvest started with warm and dry conditions and the early ripening varieties were harvested on schedule. However, by the end of September, a slight change in weather conditions brought cooler temperatures and small amounts of rainfall to the valley. This stalled things for a while until October showed up with its typical long, dry and sunny days allowing for flavour development and acidity retention in our grapes. Harvest 2019 was challenging and required extremely precise vineyard management, however the result of all that hard work is well balanced wines with vibrant fruit characters and freshness.



HARVEST DATE

October 12-23

MATURATION

20 mos., 23% New Oak

BOTTLING DATE

August 2021

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.3 g/L

ALCOHOL

14%

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.3 g/L

pH

3.7