

2019 **Small Lot Malbec**
PHANTOM CREEK VINEYARD

100% MALBEC

Our Small Lot series is dedicated to limited production wines that we could not help but bottle on their own. Our 2019 Phantom Creek Vineyard Small Lot Malbec is a special wine. Soon to be one of your favourites, our Malbec offers aromas of red liquorice, cherry, sage, and a hint of fresh ocean air. Your palate will delight in the beautiful flavour profile that boasts with the essence of strawberry, blackberry, cigar box and fresh raspberries. This is an intensely enjoyable wine with well-balanced tannins and a decadently long finish.

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

ACRES

8.4

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ELEVATION

316-333m

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.

VINTAGE

2019

HARVEST DATE

October 3

MATURATION

50% New Oak, 20 mos.

BOTTLING DATE

July 2021

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.11 g/L

ALCOHOL

15%

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.9 g/L

pH

3.57

