

2017

Block IB Carménère

SMALL LOT

100% CARMÉNÈRE

Our Small Lot series is dedicated to limited production wines that we could not help but bottle on their own. Carménère thrives in our Becker vineyard on the Black Sage bench. This is a late ripening varietal that benefits from hot and dry summers and cooler nights. The long sunny days in the South Okanagan and the westerly aspect of Becker vineyard provide the perfect environment for Carménère to prosper. This wine showcases classic notes such as supple flavours of red and black berries and a hint of pepper and fennel. Partially barrel fermented with 100% maturation in new French oak, this wine has very refined tannins and incredible structure. It is a superb example of what Carménère can exhibit.

Becker Vineyard

First planted in 1977 as part of the pioneering Becker Project, Becker Vineyard produces finessed, elegant wines from the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench.

ESTABLISHED

1993

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ACRES

52.4

ELEVATION

325-380m

The Vintage

2017 growing season got off to a slow start with bud break occurring nearly two weeks later than average. But this was followed by a hot and dry summer that really allowed the grapes to fully ripen. This was also a year of reduced yields however, it resulted in small, concentrated berries that produced wines of pronounced depth and intensity.

VINTAGE

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RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.2 g/L

HARVEST DATE

October 12-31

ALCOHOL

14.5%

FERMENTATION

Partially barrel fermented

TOTAL ACIDITY

6.2 g/L

MATURATION

20 months in French oak, 100% new

pH

4.0

BOTTLING DATE

August 2019

