# PHANTOM CREEK

Estate

Petite Cuvée



#### 45% CABERNET FRANC, 31% CABERNET Sauvignon, 24% Merlot

Select barrels were chosen from across our Estate vineyards to create a distinct and full-bodied red wine. Our 2018 Petite Cuvée is a true expression of the South Okanagan's unique terroir, showcasing an intense core of dark fruit and cocoa with lifted notes of spice and cigar box. Finegrain tannins carry through an impressively long and fresh finish - a tribute to the art of the blend.

## 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 mineraldriven, well structured, with a balanced ripeness and fresh acidity.

## The Vintage

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

2018 HARVEST DATE October 22 -November 5 MATURATION 19 months in French oak, 24% new BOTTLING DATE August 17th, 2020 RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.3 g/L ALCOHOL I4.5% TOTAL ACIDITY 5.3 g/L PH 3.7 AGING POTENTIAL 5-8 years

