## PHANTOM CREEK ESTATES



## Block IB&ID Carménère SMALL LOT 100% CARMÉNÈRE

From Block IB at the base of Becker Vineyard, this Carmenere benefits from the long, sun-soaked afternoons of the Black Sage Bench to produce a wine of exceptional complexity. The fruit is luscious and ripe, offering beautifully defined brambles and wild blueberries that are balanced by the intrinsic spiciness of this Bordeaux variety. The wine evolves generously in the glass, yielding savoury notes of green peppercorn, tobacco leaf, and graphite that enhance the fruit, further supported by the use of fully seasoned, neutral French oak barriques. It's a compelling expression of Carmenere that has the depth and freshness to continue to age over the next 4-6 years.

## 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	SOIL
1993	Osoyoos Sandy Loam
ACRES	ELEVATION
52.4	325-380m

## The Vintage

The 2020 growing season begun with higher than average rainfall and mild temperatures throughout the spring. Hot and dry conditions, typical of the South Okanagan climate prevailed from late Spring until harvest. This resulted in smaller berry size which contributed ripe, concentrated fruit flavors and elevated tannin.

VINTAGE	RESIDUAL SUGAR
2020	0.21 g/L
HARVEST DATE	ALCOHOL
October 26, 2020	15.3%
MATURATION	TOTAL ACIDITY
22 months, neutral French	4.4 g/L
oak	рН
BOTTLING DATE	3.85
September 2022	