## o Becker O Cuvée

55% CABERNET FRANC 28% MERLOT 9% CARMÉNÈRE 7% SYRAH 1% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

It has now been over 25 years since Becker Vineyard was replanted to Cabernet family varieties, proving that late ripening red varieties could thrive in the South Okanagan. 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. Nestled against the Okanagan Highland mountains, the Becker vineyard sits on the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench. At a higher elevation, the vineyard enjoys a gradual growing season and maintains a sense of vibrancy and freshness. The nose of this wine exhibits ripe baked fruit notes of dark cherry and black currant combined with subtle savoury notes of black sage and forest floor. This Cabernet Franc dominant Bordeaux blend has a complex and balanced palate offering layers of ripe red bramble fruit with herbaceous and peppery undertones. The mouthfeel is smooth and supple with finegrained tannins and a long satisfying finish.

ESTABLISHED SOIL 1993 Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ELEVATION ACRES 51.8 325-380m

## 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 and temperatures remained average allowing the vines to fully develop without risk of shutting down. Harvest started with warm, dry conditions and this continued throughout until completion. The result was well balanced wines with vibrant fruit characters and freshness.

HARVEST DATE

Oct. 12-16

MATURATION

19 mos French Oak 50%

new

BOTTLING DATE

August, 2021

RESIDUAL SUGAR

 $0.2 \, g/L$ 

ALCOHOL

14.7%

TOTAL ACIDITY

 $6.0 \, g/L$ 

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3.8

