



2020 Merlot
KOBAN VINEYARD
100% MERLOT

Merlot thrives on the gravel-strewn soils of the Golden Mile Bench, where it produces finessed, savoury wines. The elegance of this mountain fruit is on full display with the 2020 vintage, showing poised, vibrant dark cherry and Damson plum, beautifully accented by cola spices, bittersweet chocolate, and aromatic desert sagebrush. Yields were naturally low in 2020, contributing exceptional fruit intensity and palate weight, with an impeccable balance between ripe, luscious fruit and fresh acidity.

Kobau Vineyard

The southerly aspect of the Kobau Vineyard on the Golden Mile Bench allow the vines to bask in the early morning sun. On gravelly soils, wines from this vineyard are known for being mineral-driven, well structured, with a balanced ripeness and fresh acidity.

ESTABLISHED
2005

ACRES
44.3

SOIL
Sand and gravel

ELEVATION
330-390m

The Vintage

2020 growing season was slow to start, with slightly 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 and were ideal for berry and tannin development. Fortunately, most of the harvest was completed before a sudden cold snap occurred towards mid October, ending harvest quite abruptly for the region. Although 2020 had a less than average harvest volume due to small berry size this resulted in more concentrated fruit flavours.

VINTAGE
2020

HARVEST DATE
October 19

MATURATION
21 months, 60% new

BOTTLING DATE
September 2022

RESIDUAL SUGAR
1.0 g/L

ALCOHOL
15.8%

TOTAL ACIDITY
5.2 g/L

pH
3.67