

# ORIGINAL VINES

## 2018 CABERNET FRANC MERLOT

### OKANAGAN FALLS

The wineries in and around Okanagan Falls have been producing some of BC's most celebrated wines for many years. Warm days and cool nights produce wines with ripe fruit character tamed by brisk acidity. Located just north of Macintyre Bluff this area is truly unique in BC and much cooler and rockier than the more southern areas of Oliver and Osoyoos. Average 1,407 growing degree days.

### LOST HORN VINEYARD

This vineyard is located overlooking Lake Vasseau and Macintyre Bluff. First planted in 1990 this site is home to some of our oldest and favorite blocks. The soils here feature mounds of glacially deposited rock with glaciofluvial sands and gravels. Harvested on October 15th and November 3rd at an average of 24 Brix.

### WINEMAKING

Hand picked clusters were de-stemmed and then hand sorted at the winery ensuring only the best fruit was used for this blend. The wine was left in barrel in its individual components for 9 months and then blended together for a further 9 months of elevage. New and neutral oak barrels were used (65% French and 35% American, 30% of which was new). The wine was then blended into tank where it aged an additional 2 months.

### NOTES

The pinnacle of our Original Vines series, this wine is meant to cellar for up to a decade or more. From the heart of Okanagan Falls on Oliver Ranch Rd. this wine has black fruits, licorice, and spice on the nose, while the palate features flavours of plum, chocolate, blackberry with significant structure. Roast beef or seared steak is the ideal match. The blend is 58% Cabernet Franc and 42% Merlot.

### NUMBERS

5.2 g/L T.A. - 1.55 g/L R/S - 14% Alc.

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