

ORIGINAL VINES 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

The Similkameen Valley is a pristine stretch of vineyards, set amongst the dramatic backdrop of rugged and awe-inspiring mountains. The soils here have been deposited from retreating glaciers, meltwaters, floods and streams along with coarse rocky material that has been broken down from the surrounding mountains. The "organic capital of Canada" is now producing some of the country's most interesting wines.

Average 1,533 growing degree days

LAZY RIVER VINEYARD

Lazy River takes its name from the Similkameen River that winds through the bottom of this vineyard. Located about 10 km from the American border this vineyard is warm enough for producing ripe fruit for the big red varieties, while the higher elevation also lends much needed acidity.

The soil here are high in calcium carbonate and derived from schist and granite which seems to give a desirable mineral sensation to the wine.

Harvested on October 31st at 25 Brix.

WINEMAKING

Allowing the grapes to fully develop phenolically on the vine is the key to this grapes success. Berry sorting is the other key. A team of watchful eyes carefully sorted to get the best clusters and allowed only the most perfect berries to go into tank. A spontaneous ferment began there for the first 7 days when a stronger more hearty yeast dosage took over and fermented the wine to dryness. It was then gently pressed into small barriques and aged for 18 months (60% French oak and 40% American oak, 40% of which was new).

NOTES

This Cabernet Sauvignon is from the south west corner of this vineyard which is one the warmest pockets in BC. A big tannic red that shows intense aromas of cassis, cigar box, smoke notes, and wild dried herbs. If drinking now the structure needs to be tamed with some roasted or grilled red meats. For best results open from 2024-2030. There is 8% Merlot in the blend.

NUMBERS

5.6 g/L T.A. | 2.2g/L R/S | 14.8% Alc.

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