



RED GOLD RESERVE

LILLOOET BC VQA

2021

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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered bench land along the Fraser River at the base of the Coast Mountain Range. The sandy soil, arid summers, and moderate winters in Lillooet are perfect for growing premium grapes.

In June 2021, we recorded the highest temperature (48c) ever. After the heat wave, the weather cooled down with more than average rain throughout the growing season. Our reds enjoyed nice long hanging time, which helped produce rich and bold flavours. Harvest yields were above average. Our more recently planted Red Rock vineyard helped grow our grape production and move us closer to our goal to become 100% Lillooet VQA.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 51% Cabernet Franc, 16% Merlot and 33% Cabernet Sauvignon from our estate vineyards in Lillooet.

When Alex Nel joined our team in 2020, his objective was to make an intense 'big red' wine from Lillooet as a worthy successor of his highly praised and elegant South African wines. He appointed certain blocks in our vineyards and hand selected new oak barrels from small family coopers in France. The wine was barrel-aged for 15 months.

TASTING NOTES

A wine of stature and finesse offering dark fruit flavours of cassis and blueberries, dark chocolate and hints of cigar box. This elegant full-bodied wine explores all regions of the palate with lush fruit flavours, spicy oak, and an intense, lengthy finish. This wine will develop further with optimal cellaring up to 10+ years.

The perfect pairing for this wine is BBQ lamb loin chops with rosemary, or top cut Sirloin with a red wine reduction sauce.

AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, select restaurants and retail stores in BC

UPC: 626990114277

Retail price: \$49.99

TECH SPECS

Alc.: 14.0%

pH: 3.73

TA: 6.9 g/l

RS: 3.3 g/L

Vegan: Yes

Production: 149 cases

