



MERITAGE

BC VQA

2022

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VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

Established in 2009, our vineyards are rooted on sagebrush covered benchland 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.

The winter of 2021-22 was extremely cold with a record low temperature of -25.7°C on December 27th. Despite the cold, the vines showed minimal winter damage. The season started cool and bud break was 2 weeks later than normal. Summer was hot and dry with temperatures in the mid-to-high 30s. Luckily, the growing season extended well into the fall to ensure beautiful ripe fruit. With our Red Rock Vineyard coming into production, we were able to harvest the highest crop ever from our estate vineyards, and the 2022 vintage also reflects one of the highest percentages of estate grown grapes.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Composition: 70% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, and 11% Cabernet Sauvignon

This complex Meritage is made from estate grown grapes (40%) along with grapes from Osoyoos. The grapes were hand-harvested, destemmed, crushed, and cold soaked for 4 days before inoculation with select Bordeaux yeast strains. Pump-overs were done every 4 hours to enhance colour and fruit characteristics. Each varietal was vinified, and barrel matured separately for 15 months in oak barrels. Our winemaker carefully crafted the final blend once the wine was removed from barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Expressive and complex, this wine has deep and intensely aromatic notes of dark fruit, including plums, cranberries, and cassis, plus hints of vanilla on the nose. On the palate, this wine is well balanced with a smooth tannin structure and notes of chocolate, followed by a lengthy finish.

Pair this full-bodied red wine with grilled meats, or a rich, cheesy lasagna.

TECH SPECS

Alc.: 13.5%
pH: 3.59
TA: 6.6 g/l
RS: 3.4 g/L
Vegan: Yes
Production: 1,855 cs (750ml)
80 cs (375ml)

AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, BC Liquor stores,
restaurants, retail stores and grocery
stores in BC
UPC: 626990121992
Winery retail price: \$29.99

ACCOLADES

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