# FORT BERENS





# PINOT NOIR

BC VQA

### VINEYARD & VINTAGE NOTES

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  $-25.7^{\circ}$ C on December 27th. Despite the cold, the vines ended up showing 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 for most of the summer. 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: 100% Pinot Noir

The grapes in this Pinot Noir were hand-picked early in the season at optimal ripeness. The grapes were destemmed, crushed, and allowed to cold soak for 2 days before inoculating with a Burgundy yeast strain. Gentle extraction by doing 3 pump-overs a day during fermentation. The wine was aged for 9 months in mainly neutral French oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTES

A fruit-forward Pinot Noir featuring bright red fruit including notes of raspberries and strawberries. This medium-bodied wine has a fair tannin structure on the palate and a fresh acidity on the finish. Enjoy this wine now or allow the wine to evolve with further aging through 2030. Pair this wine with sautéed mushroom gnocchi or a pan-seared duck breast.

TECH SPECS	
Alc.:	12.5%
pH:	3.42
TA:	6.9 g/l
RS:	2.1 g/L
Vegan:	Yes
Production:	794 cases (33 barrels)

#### AVAILABILITY

Winery direct, select restaurants, retail stores and grocery stores in BC SKU: 154088 UPC: 626990110057 Winery retail price: \$34.99 ex tax



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