

SMALL BLESSINGS

LAGREIN

LAGREIN 2018 APPELLATION: SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

HARVEST NOTES

This vintage had a warm Spring that led to localized flooding around the Valley due to large snowpack and early rain. Hot early seasonal temperatures helped push early growth through at an amazing pace, hitting bloom and moving through to fruit set and veraison quickly. August had heavy smoke, resulting in decreased temperatures and a UV shield for the fruit. Temperatures dropped and precipitation increased in September, which further slowed vine progression. October picked up with above-average temperature, and finally pushed the fruit to a balanced ripeness. Warm days and cool nights allowed for great evolution of flavour without any spikes in sugar while maintaining a bracing acidity in the fruit; 2018 will be a vintage characterized by freshness, elegance and balance in wines that will certainly stand the test of time.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Colour: Deep, rich, opaque purple.

Nose: An earthy nose of savoury plum, soy sauce, and wild sage supported by dark berries and cherry.

Palate: Plum, licorice, and blackberry open the attack supported by a rich mouthfeel and steadily building tannin which is carried through to the persistent finish on a savoury wave of wild sage and sour cherry.

Food Pairing: Meat and cheese boards would pair perfectly, particularly harder cheeses towards the salty spectrum or an English cheddar. The earthiness of the wine would also pair beautifully with roasted wild game or duck.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for the 2018 Small Blessings Lagrein came from the Mariposa Vineyard in the Similkameen Valley. The grapes were harvested on October 15, 2018 and brought to the winery where the whole clusters were transferred to a small open-top fermenter before foot-stomping to gently break open the berries. After 14 days the still-fermenting juice was drained using gravity, and the stems and skins were pressed using a small, ratchet-driven basket press. The wine was transferred to a neutral French oak barrel to age for an additional 22 months before it was racked off the heavy sediment in preparation for bottling unfiltered and unfiltered.

VARIETAL PROFILE

100% Lagrein

Alcohol:	14.0%
Cases Produced:	25
CSPC:	091240



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