

SMALL BLESSINGS

REFOSCO

REFOSCO 2019 | APPELLATION: SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY

HARVEST NOTES

The fruit for this wine came from the Mariposa Vineyard in the Similkameen Valley; these Refosco vines are some of the only examples grown in all of Canada. The 2019 growing season got off to an inauspicious start with bud damage and decreased yields across the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys. From this low point, the season progressed beautifully though, free of extended hot periods or drought and moving through the growth stages at a balanced pace. Harvest moved along at a slower pace as we worked diligently to ensure only the healthiest clusters were brought in; then came a heavy frost and the enormous challenge of harvesting all remaining fruit in a short time. We believe we have captured what is a distinct, elegant vintage in the wines of 2019.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Colour: Medium ruby.

Nose: Smoky dried herbs and forest floor carry into red fruits and anise; very Pinot-esque.

Palate: Supple attack of plum, raspberry, and blackberry as the tannin builds and carries through to the savoury, well balanced finish.

Food Pairing: Cured meats, game, grilled sausages.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-harvested on October 29 th and brought to the winery where it was destemmed, but not crushed, into a small, open-top wood fermenter. A spontaneous fermentation kicked off after the first few days in tank. Punch downs ranged from 1 to 3 per day depending on the stage and needs of the fermentation. After a few days of post-fermentation maceration, the wine was drained from the tank by gravity and the skins were pressed using a small, ratchet-driven basket press. The free run and gently pressed wines were blended in a neutral hogshead for aging. After 16 months in barrel, the wine was racked to tank ahead of bottling, unfinned and unfiltered.

VARIETAL PROFILE

100% Refosco

Alcohol:	13.0%
Cases Produced:	36
CSPC:	+091237



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