

SMALL BLESSINGS

TERROLDEGO LAGREIN

2019 APPELLATION: SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

The fruit for the 2019 Teroldego Lagrein came from the Mariposa Vineyard in the Similkameen Valley. These Teroldego and Lagrein vines are some of the a very few examples grown in all of Canada. We have been working with this vineyard for several years and are excited, surprised, and inspired by the grapes that come off the vines every vintage.

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: Deep, rich, opaque purple.

Nose: An earthy nose of savoury plum, blackberry, and wild sage.

Palate: Plum, licorice, and blackberry to a finish of dried plum, wild sage, and sour cherry.

Food Pairing: Meat and cheese boards, roasted wild game or duck.

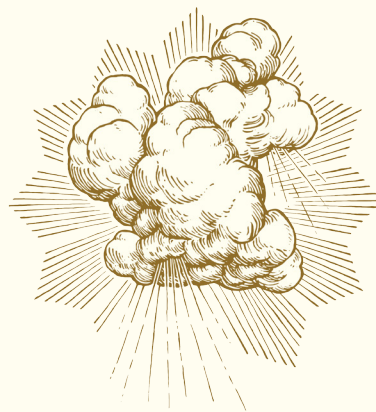
WINEMAKING

On October 29, 2019, the grapes were hand harvested at a combined 26.4° Brix, 10.4g/L TA, and pH 3.71. In the winery, the 500 kilograms of fruit was destemmed into a clay egg before it was sealed and left for fermentation with an occasional hand punch-down throughout the course of fermentation and post-fermentation maceration.

After three months on the skins, the egg was drained using gravity and the skins were pressed using a small, ratchet-driven basket press to a neutral French oak barrel for an additional 18 months of again. The wine was left on its heavy lees for aging before being racked in preparation for bottling unfinned and unfiltered.

VARIETAL PROFILE

54% Lagrein, 46% Teroldego
Alcohol: 14.0%
Cases Produced: 28
CSPC: 91243



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