SHIRAZ 2016

TASTING NOTES

A spicy Monster from down under! Rich purple hues plunge into the glass. This Monster returns by popular demand with a robust nose of baking spices, black currant, and ripe blackberries. A smooth and well-balanced palate of black licorice and baked blueberry pie is gentle but certainly not wimpy to the taste buds.

Winery Price $19.90

HARVEST NOTES

2016 was a test of patience and persistence in our vineyards, but we embraced the struggle and are proud of the results. Spring arrived very early and warm, with bud break four weeks ahead of normal, putting our vineyard crew into high gear with great anticipation for the growing season ahead. A late April snowstorm in South Osoyoos took the thriving vines by surprise, destroying a tiny fraction of our petit verdot vineyards. The summer that followed turned out to be wetter and cooler than expected, which slowed fruit development and forced increased vineyard management and around the clock weather monitoring. Luckily, our saving grace came with the long, warm fall season that saw a gradual cool down in temperature week after week, thus giving the grapes extra time to achieve full ripeness and flavour characteristics. This extra time gave our production team a chance to plan for the biggest harvest from our vineyards yet! The slow cooling process throughout fall allowed the vines time to enter a gradual dormancy, turn woody and store their reserves for hibernation so they can thrive again come spring 2017. Overall, the 2016 growing season was long, weathered and embraced by the team. We are grateful for the persistence and patience of the vineyard crew and Mother Nature, which resulted in yet another fantastic vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Made from predominantly Shiraz grapes. The berries were hand picked at 23.5 °B and sorted in the vineyard. After destemming, the berries were hand sorted again, then crushed and held cold for four days. During fermentation hand plunging the must and judicious use of pumping over ensured optimum tannin extraction.

CELLARING NOTES

This Shiraz is ready to be consumed on release. Drink by 2022.

100% Shiraz
Alcohol Level: 13%
Levels: pH 3.66 TA 6.65 g/l
Sugar: 5.37 g/l

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