

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2015



Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169
Bordeaux, France

Alcohol	13.8%
Residual Sugar	5.3 g/L
Total Acidity	6.45 g/L
pH	3.87
Brix	27
Cases Produced	195
Released	Sept 2018
SKU	144686

Carved from stone, fuelled by sun, a vineyard like no other

Growing Conditions

The 2015 growing season started early with record heat units being recorded from June through September. While the average Growing Degree Days in Osoyoos were 1,764, at Vanessa they were significantly higher at 2,049. In the past ten years, 2015 was the hottest year ever for Similkameen's Vanessa Vineyard. These conditions resulted in our red grapes being riper with a fuller fruit expression and softer, more rounded tannins.

Terroir and Microclimate

Located high on a hillside overlooking the Similkameen Valley, Vanessa Vineyard's grapes are cultivated on 75 acres of sloping, well-drained, rocky terrain. The vines grow in rows of rocks, absorbing the day heat and imparting that warmth during the cooler nights. Planted in a west to southwest exposure, the rocky vineyard basks in the afternoon sun. Ideally situated, the vineyard benefits from a long growing season, with low yields of intensely ripe fruit. The unique stony site produces fruit with complex flavours and minerality that are truly distinctive.

Winemaking

Crafted from 100% estate grown and hand-picked fruit. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small batch fermentation and hand punch down to maximize flavour and extraction. This cuvée is comprised almost entirely of free run juice with only a small quantity of lightly pressed juice to balance the tannins. Barrel aged for 20 months in American and French oak with an additional year to rest in the bottle before release. This rare combination of concentration, intensity and balance might not be evident in every vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon; therefore, our Cabernet Sauvignon will only be produced in superior years.

Flavour Profile

This powerhouse BC Cabernet Sauvignon evokes aromas of dark brambly fruits, raspberries, currants, and chocolate. Big ripe flavours abound with a full palate of fudge brownies, exotic dried fruits, and ripe Mission figs. A well balanced tannin-acid structure delivers a full-bodied wine with a graceful, long finish. While this wine is an ideal pairing for beef, lamb, and game, enjoy as you would any full-bodied red wine.



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