

BLACK SAGE VINEYARD

2015
MERITAGE
VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY

CHOOSE BOLDLY.

A BOLD CHOICE. BLACK SAGE VINEYARD™ VINES DIG DEEP IN THE PARCHED CANADIAN LANDSCAPE; TENACIOUS VINES THAT FOR OVER 20 YEARS HAVE THRIVED IN THE RUGGED SOUTH OKANAGAN DESERT, PRODUCING ELEGANT RED WINES BRIMMING WITH FLAVOR AND CHARACTER. THESE WINES REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE OKANAGAN VALLEY, AND DEMONSTRATE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE RIGHT VINES ARE PLANTED IN THE RIGHT LOCATION.

HARVEST REPORT

The hot dry summer of 2015 brought the earliest harvest on record for us in the Okanagan Valley. This vintage saw some concerns due to the fires in the area as well as in Washington State. No ill effects were seen from these events as the smoke came and went in a matter of days, and the Black Sage Vineyard was not impacted. The cool evenings arrived and slowed down the ripening process, allowing the fruit some extra hang time. All in all, 2015 was an outstanding harvest.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The grapes were fermented in small batch open top stainless steel tanks and were punched down twice daily. They were left on the skins for 15 days for extra extraction of colour and flavours. Secondary malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. The wines were aged in a careful selection of new and 1 year old (80% French and 20% American) barrels. After an intensive selection process only the 10 best barrels were selected to be in the final blend: Merlot 4 barrels; Cab Sauv 3 barrels; Cab Franc 3 barrels; splash of Petit Verdot

TASTING NOTES

There are plenty of cassis, blackberries, vanilla, dark chocolate and roasted coffee notes on the nose. The palate displays luscious blackberries, rich dark plums, smoky toasted notes and a lengthy finish of dark chocolate. The acidity is well balanced with the rich full tannins in this full bodied wine.

FOOD PAIRING

Pair this bold wine with steak, prime rib, bison burgers, herbed roast leg of lamb, and game meats.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Size	750 mL
alc./vol.	14.5 %
Total Acidity	6.92 g/L
PH Level	3.6 pH
Residual Sugar	1.8 g/L
Release Date	SEPT 1, 2017



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