

Clos du Soleil

Signature 2016

Technical Information

pH:	3.53
Titrateable Acidity:	6.4 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.2 g/L
Alcohol by Volume:	13.9%
Harvest dates:	October 19th, 2016 – November 3rd, 2016
Bottling date:	June 18th, 2019
Vineyard sources:	Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (Keremeos), Sidhu Vineyard (Keremeos), Middle Bench Vineyard (Keremeos), Chopaka Ridge Vineyard (Cawston)
Varieties:	38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot, 6% Malbec
Total Production:	450 cases
SKU:	+298158 (750mL) 1.5L, 3L and 6L formats also available

Tasting Notes

Signature is our flagship blend of red Bordeaux varieties, produced by hand, and aged for 15 months in French oak barrels. The 2016 vintage is the product of a long growing season of more moderate temperatures and was perfect for producing this classically styled iconic wine. The taster is enveloped in a dense aromatic profile of raspberry and blackberry, with hints of cassis bud and violet. On the palate the wine is layered with flavours of sun-ripened cherries, raspberry, cassis, mint and blackberry, with complex notes of graphite, sagebrush and pepper and a delightful freshness. Structure is provided by the soft but full tannins, and a stony mineral quality to the long finish. Enjoyable in its youth, the balance and structure of this wine will ensure its ability to age for many years.

Winemaking Notes

Our winemaking philosophy is to treat our grapes gently and with respect, in order to produce complex, age worthy wines that showcase the very best expression of the Similkameen Valley terroir. Each vineyard block was harvested separately, by hand, when judged to be at optimal maturity. The grapes were then gently destemmed, crushed, and fermented in concrete tanks following a moderate cold-soak. The wines were fermented using only native wild yeasts to reinforce terroir expression. After a gentle pressing the wines were aged for 15 months in 100% French oak barrels. Only the barrels showing the greatest complexity, depth and elegance were selected for our Signature blend. Simplicity and a light hand in the winery have allowed us to deliver a wine which speaks of the beauty of our land.

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