

Clos du Soleil

Signature 2018

Technical Information

pH:	3.74
Titrateable Acidity:	6.07 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.2 g/L
Alcohol by Volume:	14.6%
Harvest dates:	October 3rd, 2018 – November 5th, 2018
Bottling date:	June 16th and 17th, 2020
Vineyard sources:	Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (Keremeos), La Côte Vineyard (Keremeos), Middle Bench Vineyard (Keremeos), Chopaka Ridge Vineyard (Cawston)
Varieties:	42% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
Total Production:	473 cases
SKU:	+66126 (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 16 months in French oak barrels. The 2018 vintage is the product of a long, warm growing season and was perfect for producing this classically styled iconic wine. The taster is enveloped in heady aromas of ripe raspberry and blackberry, baking spices and floral notes. On the palate the wine is layered with flavours of black cherry, raspberry, cassis, mint and blackberry, with complex notes of graphite and sagebrush. The structure is soft and lush, with polished tannins and a long lingering 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 16 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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