

Signature 2021

TASTING

Signature is our flagship blend of red Bordeaux varieties, produced by hand, and aged for 16 months in French oak barrels. The 2021 vintage was characterized by a cooler spring, followed by a particularly hot, dry growing season and then a cooler autumn. Vineyard yields were somewhat below average, leading to a real concentration in the resulting wines. The taster is presented with a delicate nose of pencil shavings, raspberry compote, cedar, blackberry and crushed black pepper. The aromas are ripe, dense and enticing. On the palate the wine is lushly structured with abundant soft tannins and refreshing acidity. The flavours are layered with beautifully integrated flavours of ripe berries, predominantly raspberry and blackberry, notes of pomegranate and fig, offset by hints of baking spices, all followed by a long mineral-flecked finish bringing to mind wet stones and graphite. This wine displays elegance and sophistication. Lush and hedonistic now, it will develop beautifully in the bottle over the coming years.

WINEMAKING

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.

TECHNICAL

- Harvest Dates:** 21 September – 27 October, 2021
- Bottling Date:** 13 June 2023
- Vineyards:** Clos du Soleil Estate Vineyard (Keremeos),
Clos du Soleil La Côte Vineyard (Keremeos),
Blind Creek & Cawston Creek Vineyard (Cawston),
Similkameen Valley BC
- Varieties:** Merlot 34%, Cab Sauvignon 32%, Cabernet Franc 18%,
Malbec 9%, Petit Verdot 7%
- Total Production:** 637 cases

Alc: 14.2% **pH:** 3.80 **Titrateable Acidity:** 6.17 g/L **Residual Sugar:** 0.12 g/L **SKU:** +298158 (750mL)



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