

VANESSA

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

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2019 Right Bank



Merlot 74% / Cabernet Franc 18% / Cabernet
Sauvignon 8%
Merlot Clone 181 Bordeaux, France
Cabernet Franc Clone 331
Pyrénées-Atlantiques, France
Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 169 Bordeaux,
France
Alcohol 13.9%
Residual Sugar 0.53 g/L
Total Acidity 6.5 g/L
pH 3.61
Brix 27.5
Cases Produced 629
Released 2024
SKU 052194

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FLAVOUR PROFILE

Our Right Bank is Merlot-dominant with small percentages of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon blended in for complexity. The nose shows ripe cherry, mixed red berries, lavender and dried rosemary. The full rich palate is filled with black cherry, plum, blueberry, minerality and spice on the long, powerful finish. This blend shows the fine balance, intensity and elegance of the Similkameen.

GROWING CONDITIONS

The growing season started well with moderate temperatures from the beginning of spring, leading into the start of summer. With the summer being warm and dry, autumn saw warmer days and cooler nights, which were warmer and damper than 2018. While this is not great for many grapes, a combination of the Similkameen mistral flow and our vineyard's extremely rocky soil composition kept the grapes dry through an unseasonably cool October until picking was complete. All of this resulted in smaller crop sizes and slow ripening that allowed the fruit to fully mature, with balanced acidity and exciting flavour development in this vintage. Total heat units for 2019 recorded at Vanessa were 1,687 Growing Degree Days, a little lower than the previous year. However, the cooler 2019 growing season gives this vintage unique characters and exceptional quality.

WINEMAKING

Crafted from only 100% estate grown fruit. The grapes were destemmed and underwent a gentle crush before small-batch fermentation and hand punch down to optimize flavour and extraction. This cuvée is almost entirely comprised of free run juice with only a small quantity of pressed juice added to balance the tannins. The individual varietals were barrel aged for 8 months prior to blending, then aged an additional 12 months in American and French oak barrels. Bottle aged 34 months before release.

AWARDS

Silver – Wine Align, National Wine Awards of Canada, 2023