



## ROAD 13

# Blind Creek Collective Consensus 2016

### VITICULTURE:

The 2016 growing season was long, dry and warm, with most vineyards maturing their fruit very early and with perfect ripeness. The grapes for the 2016 Consensus came from the legendary Blind Creek Vineyard in the Similkameen Valley. During harvest the grapes were sampled bi-weekly to measure flavour development and phenolic ripeness. Each variety and parcel of fruit was picked at its optimal point of flavour development for the intended big, rich, style of wine that we were targeting.

### WINEMAKING:

During vintage, the grapes for the 2016 Consensus were all carefully sorted, destemmed into small (1000L) open top vessels for fermentation. The caps were punched down by hand 3-4 times daily for about 10-12 days and the wine was then pressed off to commence the 21 month maturation process in 100% French Oak barriques. The final blend was assembled, clarified, and bottled in August 2018.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2016 Consensus is generous and dense in colour. Intense aromas of cassis, black cherry and blackberry leap out of the glass and immediately begin telling the story of the tremendous 2016 growing season. The primary dark fruits are very prominent and accentuated with notes of vanilla, cream and tobacco. The story of this wine continues on the palate, where these flavours explode into a crescendo of black-fruited splendor, storming out to all corners of your mouth, but held in check with plenty of fine-grained, opulent tannins. The overall impression is of a serious wine that commands your attention and respect, one that is built to age for 5-8 years (or longer depending on your preferences).

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PRODUCTION: 164 6-packs

### THE BLEND:

44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot

### WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 24 pH: 3.9 TA: 6.0 g/L

Alcohol: 15.3% RS: 1.8 g/L

BOTTLED: August 2018

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