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Blind Creek Collective Chardonnay 2017

Viticulture:

The 2017 growing season was an interesting and highly unusual roller coaster ride! Higher than normal rainfall and an alarmingly cool spring gave way one of the warmest, driest summers in 40 years. Smoke from forest fires in other areas of the province reflected much of the heat away from the vines, resulting in high flavour intensity, moderate sugars, and fresh, crisp levels of acidity, which are the 3 attributes required for a great vintage! We rank the 2017 vintage very highly and are hopeful that it may go down as one of the greatest of all time. The grapes for this wine were sourced from Blind Creek Vineyard in the Similkameen Valley. During harvest the ripening grapes were sampled bi-weekly to measure flavour development and sugar content, and they were picked at the optimum point of flavour for the intended style of our Chardonnay, which is rich and round, but with a firm core of bright acidity.

Winemaking:

The grapes for the 2016 Chardonnay were picked on September 25th, 2017. They were carefully hand-sorted and gently whole-bunch pressed, before 24 hours of cold settling. Primary fermentation took place in French Oak barrels (20% new) with no malolactic fermentation allowed. The barrels were stirred occasionally to build up body and texture in the wine. The wine was blended into a tank in September, 2018, where it was gently clarified and stabilized prior to bottling a few weeks later.

Tasting Notes:

The 2017 Blind Creek Collective Chardonnay is gold in colour and starts off with aromas of lemon zest and lime oil, nashi pear, and golden delicious apples with a kiss of crème caramel. On the palate, these flavours become even more intense, culminating in a symphony of gold and yellow fruit. The texture of the wine is rich, full, and refined, but the roundness is balanced by a piercing, vibrant acidity that offers a long, refreshing finish.

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PRODUCTION: 414 x 6-packs

THE BLEND:

100% Chardonnay

WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 23.8 pH: 3.54 TA: 6.1 g/L

Alcohol: 13.8% RS: 5.6 g/L

BOTTLED: September 28, 2018

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