



# ROAD 13

## VRM 2017

### Viticulture:

The 2017 growing season was an interesting and higher unusual roller coaster ride with a wet and cool spring giving way to one of the warmest and driest summers in 40 years. The grapes for this wine were sourced from the 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 the VRM blend, which is rich, round, and complex.

### Winemaking:

The grapes for the 2017 VRM were picked and fermented separately over the month of October. They were carefully hand-sorted and gently whole-bunch pressed, before 24 hours of cold settling. Fermentation took place in a mixture of French Oak barrels (25% new). Wine fractions in barrels were lees-stirred monthly to build richness and texture in the wine. The wines were pulled out of barrels in July for blending and gentle clarification prior to bottling a few weeks later. The blend was carefully crafted so as to achieve a harmonious flavour profile where neither of the varietals dominated and all were working together to create a beautiful wine that is far greater than the sum of its parts.

### Tasting Notes:

The 2017 VRM is light gold in colour and has a rich tapestry of aromas to delight the senses. On the nose, there are strongly lifted notes of apricot, white peach, mandarin orange, marzipan, pineapple, banana, quince and golden delicious apple. Those flavours carry onto the expansive, rich, sumptuous palate and great length of flavour.

The overall impression is of a wine that is complex, full and rich, but with elegance, delicacy, and impeccable balance. It will pair perfectly with seafood and shellfish, and spicy Asian food. We also recommend experimenting with lighter meats such as chicken and pork dishes.

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PRODUCTION: 390 cases

### THE BLEND:

78% Roussanne 13% Viogner 9% Marsanne

### WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 24.5 pH: 3.55 TA: 5.9 g/L

Alcohol: 14.3 % RS: 5.3 g/L

BOTTLED: August 17, 2018

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