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Blind Creek Viognier 2018

Viticulture:

The 2018 growing season was another challenging campaign. The season got off to a good start and fruit set was excellent, allowing for a larger crop compared to the previous year. Things progressed quite well until about mid-July when, just as in 2017, smoke from Forest fires in the Pacific Northwest blocked out a lot of sunlight and slowed down ripening. The result was intense flavours at lower potential alcohol levels, and healthy natural acidity levels – perfect conditions for an elegant and expressive white wine!

The grapes for the 2018 Blind Creek Viognier came exclusively from the now legendary Blind Creek Vineyard in the Similkameen Valley. During harvest the grapes were sampled bi-weekly to measure flavour development and sugar content. The Viognier was picked at its optimal point for this rich, complex, and potently aromatic style of wine.

Winemaking:

The grapes for the 2018 Blind Creek Viognier were picked on October 22nd, 2018, a full 3 weeks later than in 2017. They were carefully hand-sorted and gently whole-bunch pressed, before 24 hours of cold settling. Fermentation took place slowly at cool temperature in Stainless steel tanks to preserve the intense, beautiful aromatics of this wine.

Tasting Notes:

The 2018 Viognier is light gold in colour and has an intensely fruity nose made up of apricots, nectarines, and mandarin orange with some notes of white flowers. These aromas carry onto the round, rich palate, making for a delicious, decadent wine with beautiful balance and a long finish. The overall impression is of a wine that is full, rich and decadent. It will pair perfectly with various shellfish dishes and spicy curries. In addition, we recommend experimenting with nuts such as cashews and various softer mild cheeses.

SKU: 21454

PRODUCTION: 580 cases

THE BLEND:

100% Viognier

WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 23.5 pH: 3.55 TA: 5.8 g/L

Alcohol: 13.7 % RS: 5.0 g/L

BOTTLED: June 6, 2019

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