



# ROAD 13

## VRM 2016

### VITICULTURE:

The 2016 growing season was long, dry and warm, much like the previous 3 vintages. 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 2016 VRM were picked and fermented separately over a 3 week period in September, 2016. They were carefully hand-sorted and gently whole-bunch pressed, before 24 hours of cold settling. Fermentation took place in a French Oak barrels (33.3% new) and Stainless steel tanks. The wine in barrels was lees-stirred monthly to build richness and texture in the wine. The wines were gently pulled out of barrels in July for blending, and gently clarified prior to bottling. The blend was carefully crafted so as to achieve a harmonious flavour profile where none 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 2016 VRM is light gold in colour and has a rich tapestry of aromas to delight the senses. On the nose, there are 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: 169 cases

### THE BLEND:

36.6% Roussanne 35.7% Marsanne 27.7% Viognier

### WINE CHEMISTRY:

Avg Brix: 23.5 pH: 3.5 TA: 5.8 g/L

Alcohol: 13.7% RS: 4.0 g/L

BOTTLED: August 23, 2017

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