



THE JUDGE



ORIGIN WINES

Wines of phenomenal origin and destiny, the Judge and Garland are crafted from the best barrels in our cellar, and are an authentic expression of our South Okanagan terroir.

HARVEST & VITICULTURE REPORT

The 2021 growing season in the South Okanagan was one for the history books as the driest on record, due in large part to the “Heat Dome” and its record-breaking high temperatures. It was also one of the warmest years, seeing the most growing degree days GDD (1758) since 2015. Following flowering, we experienced an extremely dry and hot June during fruit set. The heat led to a lighter fruit set and smaller berry size than usual. While there was less fruit per vine and the yield was light in volume, on the upside the smaller berries in the clusters resulted in more concentrated flavours and colours on the red varieties. Similarly, for the white varieties there are intense flavours and vibrant aromatics. With the warm dry season, the grapes reached phenolic ripeness earlier than usual with harvest commencing and finishing early. We began picking the whites on August 27th for our Ti Amo (Prosecco-style sparkling wine). We started picking our first reds in mid-September with our Block 10 Merlot on September 14th at our historic Golden Mile Bench estate vineyard. We finished our last estate reds pick with Cabernet Sauvignon from Block 8 of our Golden Mile Bench vineyard on October 28, 2021. Overall, the 2021 harvest produced wines of outstanding quality and varietal character. We expect to see some intense, fruit driven wines, with excellent depth of flavour.

WINEMAKING

Crafted in a classic Bordeaux style using Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and a co-fermentation of Petit Verdot and Malbec, each varietal was hand picked, hand sorted and destemmed before being cold soaked for two days prior to inoculation. Fermentation took place in our Italian Ganimede fermentation tanks before the wine was gently pressed off the skins and encouraged through a malolactic fermentation. The lots were blended and barreled down in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels for a subtle oak integration. After aging for 24 months in barrel, the wine was blended and bottled in May of 2024.

TASTING NOTES

Layered aromas of sage, cherry, clove and vanilla lead the way on this 2021 vintage. The palate displays round and mouth-filling notes of caramel, mulberry, Lapins cherry and fig that stretch into a lengthy and supple finish. The Judge is a profound wine that makes for the perfect complement to an equally bold meal like a marbled rib eye or grilled portobello mushrooms with Gruyère cheese.

Harvest Date	September 15-November 26, 2021	Winery Price	\$49.99 (BC+tax)
Bottling Date	May 22, 2024	CSPC	133124
Grape Variety	46% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Franc, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec	UPC	626990112235
Vegan	Yes		
Aging	24 months		
Oak	100% French		
Ageability	Enjoy now or cellar up to 15 years		
Alcohol	14.5%		
Residual Sugar	0.4 g/L		
pH	3.9		
Total Acidity	6.5 g/L		
Brix at Harvest	24.0 average		
Availability	Wine Shop, Bench Club, online, wherever fine wines are sold in BC		