

# OROFINO

BELEZA 2020



## THE VINEYARD

THIS SIGNATURE BORDEAUX STYLE BLEND FROM OROFINO COMES FROM OUR HOME VINEYARD AND OUR NEIGHBOUR'S VINEYARD OWNED BY CHERYL AND LEE HENSBEE. BOTH VINEYARDS SIT ON THE CAWSTON BENCH. THE VINES RANGE FROM 13 YEARS OLD TO 31 YEARS OLD. SMALL BLOCKS OF EACH OF THE BORDEAUX VARIETALS EXIST ON EACH SITE ON BOTH SELF-ROOTED AND GRAFTED VINES. BOTH OUR 6 ACRE PROPERTY AND THE HENSBEE VINEYARD HAVE NICE RICH SANDY LOAM SOIL FOR 2 TO 6 FEET IN DEPTH DEPENDING ON WHICH PART OF THE VINEYARD YOU ARE IN. THIS SITS ON TOP OF WHAT SEEMS TO BE ENDLESS GRAVEL AND/OR RIVER ROCK. THE RESULT IS A MODERATELY VIGOROUS SITE WITH GREAT DRAINAGE. THERE IS AN INTERESTING SEAM OF LESS FERTILE SOIL THAT RUNS THROUGH PARTS OF THE VINEYARDS THAT MAKES NOTICEABLY DIFFERENT CONDITIONS FOR THE VINES.

## THE VINTAGE

2020 WAS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BEST GROWING SEASONS WE HAVE EVER SEEN. THERE WERE NO EXTREMES IN ANY SORT OF WAY AND THE GRAPES WERE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO RIPEN FULLY AND WE PICKED EACH BLOCK AT THEIR OPTIMUM FLAVOUR PROFILE.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND HARVESTED AND THEN GENTLY DESTEMMED AND LIGHTLY CRUSHED INTO ONE TON OPEN TOP FERMENTERS WHERE THEY WERE HAND PUNCHED 2 TIMES PER DAY UNTIL COMPLETION OF FERMENTATION. THE WINE WAS THEN PRESSED STRAIGHT TO NEW, AND OLDER FRENCH BARRIQUES. EACH VARIETAL LOT WAS KEPT SEPARATE AND THEN AGED CAREFULLY FOR 20 MONTHS BEFORE BLENDING, RACKING AND BOTTLING (UNFILTERED). ONLY THE BEST BARRELS WERE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL BLEND. NO FINING WAS USED. MINIMAL INTERVENTION IS THE KEY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS WINE. IT IS A TRUE REFLECTION OF OUR TERROIR. THE BLEND INCLUDES MERLOT, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC AND PETIT VERDOT.

## TECHNICAL STUFF

40% MERLOT 40% CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
10% CABERNET FRANC 10% PETIT VERDOT  
TA: 6.2 G/L. PH 3.73 RS: 1.5 G/L. ALC: 14.1%

## TASTING NOTES

RICH BLACK FRUITS MIXED WITH SPICY NOTES AND CLASSIC SIMILKAMEEN MINERALITY. ALWAYS UNFINED AND UNFILTERED TO BEST SHOW OFF OUR TERROIR. THIS IS CLASSIC SIMILKAMEEN WITH DUSTY TANNINS AND AN ELEGANT, LONG FINISH. DRINKABLE NOW BUT WILL AGE GRACEFULLY. DRINK 2024-2035

## RECOGNITIONS

GOLD MEDAL - 2023 ALL CANADIAN WINE CHAMPIONSHIPS