

OROFINO

RED BRIDGE RED 2021



THE VINEYARD

THIS VINEYARDS USED IN THE WINE ARE ALL LOCATED IN THE BEAUTIFUL SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY. THE SYRAH VINEYARD SITS ON THE WINDY KEREMEOS BENCH, THE MERLOT VINEYARD BASKS IN THE SUN ON THE CAWSTON FLATS, WHILE THE CABERNET FRANC GRAPES WERE GROWN ON THE HOT CAWSTON BENCH. THE WINE IS NAMED AFTER THE VERY OLD COVERED BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE SIMILKAMEEN RIVER.

THE VINTAGE

2021 WAS THE HOTTEST GROWING SEASON ON RECORD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA. IT WAS THE "HEAT DOME" SUMMER RESULTING IN SOME OF THE EARLIEST HARVESTING OF VARIETIES WE HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED.

WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND HARVESTED AND GENTLY DESTEMMED AND CRUSHED INTO SMALL OPEN-TOP FERMENTERS. VARIOUS YEASTS WERE USED TO INCREASE COMPLEXITY. THE FERMENTERS WERE HAND-PUNCHED 2 TIMES DAILY. AFTER FERMENTATION THE WINE WAS PRESSED AND PUT INTO MOSTLY OLDER OR NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK BARRELS, WITH JUST 10% NEW AMERICAN OAK BEING USED. THE COMPONENTS WERE BLENDED AND THEN BOTTLED WITHOUT ANY FINING OR FILTRATION. VEGAN FRIENDLY.

TECHNICAL STUFF

66% MERLOT 30% SYRAH 7% CABERNET FRANC
TA: 8.2 G/L. PH 3.58. RS: 2.5 G/L. ALC: 13.2%

TASTING NOTES

THIS WINE IS ALWAYS PUT TOGETHER WITH COMFORT IN MIND. RICH, LUSCIOUS, SOFT, FULL. IT IS VERY VERSATILE AND CAN BE PAIRED WITH ROASTED MEATS AND VEGETABLES OR SIMPLY ENJOYED ON ITS OWN AROUND A FIRE. ALWAYS A FAVOURITE YEAR AFTER YEAR.