

OROFINO

SYRAH 2021



THE VINEYARD

THE 2021 VINTAGE COMES FROM A SPECTACULAR SYRAH VINEYARD LOCATED ON THE **KEREMEOS BENCH** PERCHED ABOVE THE RIVER VALLEY FEATURING MATURE VINES, RIVER ROCK AND FEROCIOUS WINDS. THIS WAS ALSO THE FIRST VINTAGE OF SYRAH GRAPES WE HARVESTED FROM OUR PREMIUM PASSION PIT VINEYARD ON THE **CAWSTON BENCH**.

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 EVER EXPERIENCED.

WINEMAKING NOTES

THE GRAPES WERE HAND HARVESTED AND THEN GENTLY DESTEMMED AND LIGHTLY CRUSHED INTO 2 TON OPEN TOP FERMENTERS WHERE THEY WERE HAND PUNCHED 2 TIMES PER DAY UNTIL COMPLETION OF NATURAL FERMENTATION. NO COMMERCIAL YEASTS WERE USED. THE WINE WAS THEN PRESSED TO FRENCH OAK BARRELS AND CONCRETE TANKS. IT WAS THEN AGED CAREFULLY FOR 17 MONTHS BEFORE RACKING AND BOTTLING. NO FINING AGENTS OR FILTRATION WAS USED.

TECHNICAL STUFF

TA: 6.38 G/L
PH: 3.8
RS: 2.0 G/L
ALC: 14.6%

TASTING NOTES

A BEAUTIFUL AND LIVELY WINE WITH DEEP DARK CHERRIES, SMOKED MEAT AND SPICE ON THE NOSE. CLASSIC SIMILKAMEEN VALLEY MINERALITY WITH DARK FRUITS AND A TOUCH OF WHITE PEPPER ON THE PALATE. SOFT RIPE TANNINS CLOSE OUT A LONG FINISH. ELEGANT AND VERSATILE. DRINK NOW THROUGH 2030.