

#### **FERMENTATION**

83% OLDER FRENCH OAK
17% NEW FRENCH OAK

Harvest Date
October 07, 2019

**pH** 3.86

**Ageing** 

12 months in French oak barrels

5.4 g/L **R.S.** 

Acidity

**Cases Produced** 

0.3 g/L

240

Alcohol

Price \$35.99 plus tax

14.5%

## LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS

# **PINOT NOIR 2019**



#### **INSIDER TIP:**

Small Cap release with just 240 cases produced.

#### **Wine Profile**

Also known as 'the heartbreak grape', Pinot Noir has been a fun challenge. BC's cooler climate is showcasing Pinot Noir that is world class. The fruit is 100% sourced from Thomas Ranch, in Okanagan Falls. This region is known for growing Premium Tier 1 Pinot Noir. This vintage was 12 months in French oak barrels.

#### **Tasting Notes**

This vintage starts with sweet tobacco, cranberry, raspberry, and light rose petal on the nose. The palate offers some earthiness along with the sweet tart sensation of tiny wild foraged strawberries. This is a medium body Pinot, soft tannins, with nice acidity. Duck, of course, is an obvious pairing, but this is a great option to pair with some porcini mushroom and sunflower seed crusted grilled steelhead trout.

#### **Winemaking Notes**

After hand picking, we double hand sort the grapes followed by whole berry fermentation. The whole berry fermentation was done in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then barrel aged for 12 months in French oak barrels.

### **Vintage Notes**

In 2019 Mother Nature hit us with many curve balls. The winter started off mild, even warming to above 0°C in January, however this would not last and in February we returned to more normal chilly temperatures. Spring began cool, but as summer approached the temperatures warmed, giving us a beautiful Okanagan summer with optimal temperatures in the vineyards. September started beautifully, but in the second week, the rain came and

kept persistent throughout the month. October gave us some reprieve, until the frost hit the valley October 10th, causing ripening to shut down in many vineyards.

Harvest commenced September 25th with Pinot Gris from OK Falls. Shortly after, the Pinot Noir and Merlot started coming in and things did not slow down for the next month with the last grapes arriving November 5th. Despite the myriad of weather events, you can expect the wines to be fresh and vibrant with complex flavour profiles and balanced acidity.

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