



FERMENTATION



LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS BLIND TRUST RED 2022

Harvest Date
October 09, 2022

Cases Produced
2000

Price
\$33 plus tax & deposit

pH
3.75

Acidity
6.2 g/L

R.S.
0.76 g/L

Alcohol
14.8%

INSIDER TIP: Blind taste the Blind Trust and try to guess the varietals before disclosing the assets which are kept under wrap and seal of the capsule.

Wine Profile

A blind trust is a financial trust in which the executors have full discretion over the assets, and the trust beneficiaries have no knowledge of the holdings of the trust. In this case, our Blind Trust is a wine in which the winemaker has full discretion over the blend, so you'll just have to trust us. The Blind Trust is the second label of our Bordeaux-inspired blend Portfolio. Its robust taste profile and affordable pricing make it a solid investment. Always a secretive blend, the 2022 vintage offers a fruit-forward mix of red and black fruits with savory notes of damp earth and violets on the nose. This seamless blend has flavors of red cherry, stewed strawberry and rhubarb upfront, with notes of black plum and tobacco on the back end. The tannins are well-integrated and help to create a wine that is approachable while still offering the structure for cellaring. Enjoy now or hold until your investment has fully matured. Drink between 2025-2032.

Winemaking Notes

Grapes are handpicked and hand sorted both by cluster and berry upon arrival at the winery. Fermentation is done mainly in stainless steel, with some oak fermenters and extended maceration on some lots. While both Blind Trust and our flagship blend Portfolio, are treated the same for the first 15 months, the selection process is about making Portfolio the best it can be, while making the Blind Trust approachable and better suited for drinking early-on. Tough decisions indeed, especially when each vintage has hundreds of barrels with 6 varietals from a dozen vineyard blocks.

If you want to blind taste the Blind Trust, read no further. Spoiler alert: 60% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 17% Malbec to create a multi-layered, complex wine.

Vintage Notes

The 2022 season kicked off late with a cool start to the season and finished with an amazingly warm and dry fall. The microclimates within the vineyards played a large role in the ripening of different varietals as the right slope and aspect can help collect warmth on the cooler days. Bud break and flowering was delayed by about two weeks with the cool weather, but August and September came through with higher-than-average temperatures which luckily lasted through most of October as well, ensuring that our late-ripening reds matured. The hot and dry weather in October was invaluable, resulting in more intense aromatics in our late ripening whites and reds with concentration and finesse. Expect to see wines with more natural acidity and balance this vintage.

Vineyard

Fruit is sourced from Bearcub and Culmina vineyards in Oliver, and Perfect Hedge Vineyard in Osoyoos.



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