



TINHORN CREEK

NATURALLY SOUTH OKANAGAN

2012 Pinot Noir

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATE: October 2 - October 5

BOTTLING DATE: May 2014

REGION

Okanagan Valley

VINEYARDS

Tinhorn Creek Vineyard (Golden Mile)

Aspect: East

Vine Orientation: North - South

Soil: Alluvial Sandy Loam

Vine Age: 26 years

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Sandra Oldfield

Viticulturist: Andrew Moon

Brix at Harvest: 23.6

Alcohol: 13.8

Residual Sugar: >2.0 g/L

Titrateable Acidity: 5.70 g/L

pH: 3.75

Diamond Back Vineyard (Black Sage)

Aspect: South - West

Vine Orientation: North - South

Soil: Sand

Vine Age: 17 years

VINTAGE 2012

After back to back cooler than average vintages 2012 was a welcome return to typical warm Okanagan summer and cool autumn. The vineyards were in very good condition leading up to harvest and there was little to no sorting of fruit in the vineyard or winery. Some minor green harvesting was completed at the start of veraison to ensure even ripening at picking time.

VINIFICATION

The grapes are destemmed and crushed before cold settling on skins for 3 days. The wine is then inoculated and slowly allowed to warm naturally and then temperature is maintained with a combination of punch downs and pump-overs to optimize colour extraction without forcing out too much tannin. The wines are then pressed to older barrels prior to completing primary fermentation to mitigate tannin extraction in alcohol phase. The wines are kept on lees and topped regularly over 18 months before being bottled. The wine is then aged in bottle for a year to allow proper bottle conditioning to occur and bring out the true complexities of this great variety.

TASTING NOTES

Dark in colour with a deep red/purple hue. The wine has aromas of black cherries and dried herbs. The pallet has great intensity and shows the warmth of the vintage on the pallet with a round mid-pallet showing layers of fruit and spice. It has an interesting bergamont/black tea edge to it and also shows some bitter orange (chinotto) in the finish. A very stylish and complex wine with great age ability.

2262 Cases made

Cellaring potential 3-5 years

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