

Tasting Notes

2019 Carmenerere

Vineyards: Double Black Vineyard and Sharp Rock Vineyard

Residual Sugar: 0.11g/L Alcohol: 13.0%

PH: 3.79 Maturation: 10 months

Tartaric Acid: 5.2 Final Blend: 100% Carmenerere

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Carmenerere was the first of our 2019 red wines to go to bottle and provides a very good look at the characteristics of the vintage. The cooler 2019 harvest has produced red wines with fresh and intense fruit expressions and crisp acidity – a good sign for the longevity of the wines. As we discovered during our first Black Hills Carmenerere vertical tasting in 2019, these wines can age superbly, and the cooler vintages tend to have a little bit extra savory complexity and freshness. It would definitely be worth hiding a couple of bottles of the 2019 Carmenerere away at the back of the wine cellar! In its youth, the 2019 Carmenerere shows bright red currant and blackberry fruit, along with the black pepper, roasted red pepper and anise aromas that it has become famous for. From a winemaking perspective, when you have this intensity and purity of fruit aroma, the aim is to stay out of the way and to let the flavours be the star of the show. To help us achieve this, we choose older barrels and those with lighter toast levels, and we don't use more than 10% new oak for this wine. This helps to build structure and to support the wine as it ages without clouding its impressive array of aromas.

- Ross Wise MW, Winemaker

Vintage Notes:

A moderate and consistently dry summer set the expectation for a very good 2019 vintage, as we approached the critical ripening period. While September brought higher than average rainfall, vigilance and attention to detail in the vineyard kept disease pressure to a minimum and ensured fruit arrived at the winery in pristine condition. The cool fall temperatures, combined with earlier than average harvesting dates has resulted in wines with intense fruit aromas, restrained alcohol levels and a fresh acidity so characteristic of the Okanagan Valley.

- Steve Carberry, Winegrower

