

Back to basics, for the love of making Pinot Noir...
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Pinot Noir 2020

Home Block

BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY NARAMATA BENCH



Harvest	October 8 & 15, 2020
pH	3.75
Acidity	5.9 g/L
R.S.	1.2 g/L
Alcohol	13.5%
Cases	287

This vintage marks the 20th year of winemaking by David after starting with just 1 ton of grapes in a garage in White Rock. After giving up our day jobs and founding highly acclaimed Laughing Stock Vineyards on the Naramata Bench, the last few years have been all about going back to the basics. This time we've gone deep with one varietal from one place, our Home Block vineyard in Naramata, British Columbia.

THE VINEYARD

This is Naramata Bench personified. Perched on glacier lake-formed bluffs above Okanagan Lake, the crescent shaped site tilts SW, maximizing heat units and allowing air flow. Set into an amphitheatre of old growth sage, soils are silt and loam with calcareous elements similar to some of the best vineyards in the world. Planted in 2013, we chose to showcase a single clone, Dijon #115.

THE WINEMAKING

This project is all about focus: Pinot Noir. Hand picked in two passes October 7 & 15th, then hand sorted and fermented as whole berries with 25% as whole clusters. The main ferment was completed in 2200L French Oak tanks and then aged in these plus 20% new French oak barrels. Unfiltered and unfined.

THE VINTAGE

After a slow start from a cooler spring, the Okanagan summer delivered solid heat units into September. Veraison was somewhat delayed which improved the fruit quality as the slower ripening avoided high sugars/alcohols and delivered full phenolic ripeness. Fortunately we completed harvest on October 15th right before a freeze event a week later.

THE WINE

A balanced wine with ripe raspberry, dried cranberry and cocoa flavours with notes of clove combined with fresh vibrancy from the natural acidity. Decidedly elegant with lovely complexity, fine tannins and lingering finish. When the wine hits your palate, it engages all your senses like a solid handshake from a good friend (post Covid).

PRICE

\$55 per bottle, available in 6 packs, www.1millroad.ca



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