

Capturing time & place, for the love of making Pinot Noir... Ben & Katie



Pinot Noir 2021

Block Two

BC VQA OKANAGAN VALLEY NARAMATA BENCH



Harvest	Sept 23-25, 2021
pH	3.79
Acidity	6.4 g/L
R.S.	1.0 g/L
Alcohol	13.5%
Cases	305

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THE VINEYARD

This year, Block Two is a combination of Home Block and an additional Pinot Noir coming from a vineyard located just above the Home Block site. The Home Block 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 amphitheater 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 to a single clone, Dijon #115. The additional vineyard is also on a heavy glacial silt bench and planted to Dijon clone #115.

THE VINTAGE

An early and dry spring followed up with incredibly intense heat in June which set in motion, one of the strangest vintages we've been a part of. The Okanagan also experienced a summer of wild fires and diminished summer sunlight due to smoke at a time when we needed heat units to form higher degree days allowing for ripening. Hot and tough conditions equals less fruit, lower yields and ultimately less juice to make wine.

THE WINEMAKING

The fruit was treated slightly different than most years. There was a need to move through fermentation quicker than normal as the fruit was stressed. Typically, stressed fruit can make some of the best vintages...it's all how it's managed through to bottle. We chose not to add any whole cluster to the ferments, which in typical years, would be 20-25%. The wine went to barrel in traditional 228L french oak and the french oak tanks with an average of 20% new oak. The two vineyards that supplied the fruit were kept separate during harvest and during barrel aging; only getting blended together just prior to bottling.

THE WINE

Red cherry, simple spice and anise. Fine oak and a savoury texture melds itself together with a long and bright silky finish.

PRICE

\$40 per bottle, available in 6 packs