

BLASTED CHURCH™

PINOT NOIR 2008

Appellation: Okanagan Valley (VQA)

HARVEST NOTES

Our 2008 Pinot Noir is composed of 100% estate grown fruit. There are two distinctive blocks of Pinot Noir at Blasted Church Vineyards. The upper block, produces Pinot Noir that is rich in color and body while the lower block produces wines with fruit driven aroma and flavor. Very unique to the 2008 vintage is that the two blocks were picked on the same day. The upper block is picked first followed by the lower block.

WINEMAKING

The winemaking for our 2008 Pinot Noir began with whole bunch sorting. This process removes any of the undesirable material that may get into our must. The must was then transferred into a tank where it underwent a cold soak for 4-7 days. The must was warmed and inoculated with a specific yeast strain. Fermentation lasted for an additional 7-14 days. The wine was pressed into 100% French Oak, 50% new barrels. The wine was left to age in oak for 9 months. After nine months the Pinot Noir was blended with a small portion of carbonic macerated Pinot Noir. The wine was bottled unfiltered.

Carbonic maceration is a process where whole grape clusters are left alone to ferment in their skins. Once the fruit has begun fermenting, the grapes are stomped on and left to ferment. This process results in fruitier wines that are lower in tannins.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Colour: Burgundy.

Bouquet: Cherry, cloves, mint, earthy, herbal, tomato leaf and cassis.

Palate: Medium bodied with earthy, cherry, salmon berry, menthol, tobacco leaf flavours, followed by firm tannins.

Food Pairings: Duck breast with a Pinot Noir reduction, tuna nicoise and salmon burgers.

Varietal Profile	Brix at Harvest
Upper Block Pinot Noir	23.8 Brix
Lower Block Pinot Noir	22.6 Brix
Total acidity:	6.7
Final pH:	3.67
Residual Sugar:	2.0 g/L
Alcohol:	12.7%
Cases Produced:	600
CSPC:	+35881

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