

#### **FERMENTATION**

80% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK

**Harvest Date** 

October 24, 2022

**pH** 3.70

Acidity

5.8 g/L

Ageing

14 months in French oak barrels

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**Cases Produced** 

1.1 g/L

800 Price

\$40.00 plus tax

Alcohol

# LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS

# **PINOT NOIR 2022**



#### **INSIDER TIP:**

Double sorted. Whole berry ferment.

#### **Wine Profile**

Also known as 'the heartbreak grape', Pinot Noir is one of the least understood grape varieties out there. BC's cool climate pockets are showcasing world class Pinot Noir and this fruit is sourced from multiple sites across the southern Okanagan Valley in order to layer complexity of flavor.

#### **Tasting Notes**

This vintage produced a rich style of Pinot Noir. The nose is filled with aromas of black plums and cherry compote with a savory mix of cinnamon and clove. The palate has a bright mix of cherry and black tea along with cedar and rose petals. Overall, this is well-structured and round with a long finish. Drink now until 2030. The richness of this vintage will pair nicely with tuna steak and grilled vegetables. This will also stand up to richer dishes, like a Cassoulet with duck confit

# **Winemaking Notes**

After hand picking, we double hand sort the grapes followed by whole berry fermentation. The whole berry fermentation was done in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then barrel aged for 14 months in French oak barrels, of which 20% is in new oak.

## **Vintage Notes**

The 2022 season kicked off late with a cool start to the season and finished with an amazingly warm and dry fall. The microclimates within the vineyards played a large role in the ripening of different varietals as the right slope and aspect can help collect warmth on the cooler days. Bud break and flowering was delayed by about two weeks with the cool weather, but August and September came through with higher-than-average temperatures which luckily lasted through most of

October as well, ensuring that our late-ripening reds matured. The hot and dry weather in October was invaluable, resulting in more intense aromatics in our late ripening whites and reds with concentration and finesse. Expect to see wines with more natural acidity and balance this vintage.

## Vineyard

Sourced from Thomas Ranch, Bullpine, McIntyre Bluff and Bearcub.

