

LITTLE ENGINE

W I N E S

2022 GOLD PINOT NOIR



Production: 542 cases
Alcohol: 13.5%
pH: 3.85

VITICULTURE NOTES

A significantly cold winter starting in 2021 was followed by a cool start to Spring. Bud break was late, starting in the last week of April. May and June were unseasonably cool with more than usual rainfall. The warm weather finally arrived in late June and continued through August. In fact, August recorded the highest Okanagan GDD (Growing Degree Days) on record!

Harvest began about 2 – 3 weeks later than usual. October was warm and dry and this was crucial in ripening fruit that was significantly delayed.

The result was a longer time on vines for most varieties and some beautiful flavours with vibrant acidity.

Our 2022 Gold Pinot Noir is made up of predominantly clones 115 and 667 along with clones 117, 777 and Swan.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard, the Pinot Noir grapes are destemmed only into one ton fermenters. After 6-7 days of cold soak, the musts are gradually warmed up to encourage a natural fermentation. Hand plunging is used to keep the cap moist and ensure colour and tannin extraction. The fermentation temperatures are maintained cool early in ferment and then elevated to aid in phenolic extraction. The total maceration time is about 3 weeks. The wines are drained and pressed off just before dryness and tank settled prior to going to barrel.

It undergoes spontaneous malolactic fermentation and matures in barrel for 15 months with no racking until pre-bottle blending. The 2022 Gold Pinot Noir is 40% new French puncheons and the balance in 2nd fill barrels. Unfined and unfiltered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES & SUGGESTED CELLARING

A delicate floral bouquet greets you on the nose, followed by scents of cranberry compote, touches of savoury dried herbs and cinnamon sticks. On the palate; bramble berries and fresh garden herbs are balanced by a briny acidity and long finish with a creamy undertone.

We recommend drinking now through 2030.