

LITTLE ENGINE

W I N E S

2022 GOLD UNION



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. The grapes for this wine were harvested in mid- late October, based on flavours in the vineyard. This encourages complexity in flavours and acidity.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Hand harvested, de-stemmed and minimally crushed into one-ton fermenters to encourage a high percentage of whole berries. After a few days cold soak, the musts are gradually warmed up to initiate a natural or directed fermentation. Hand plunging is used to keep the cap moist and to ensure colour and tannin extraction. The total maceration time is approximately 3 weeks. The wines are drained and pressed off just before dryness, and tank settled prior to going to barrel.

The 2022 Gold Union components undergo spontaneous malolactic fermentation and mature in French Oak barrels (32% new) for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES & SUGGESTED CELLARING

Merlot (78%), Cabernet Franc (11%), Malbec (10%)

An elegant expression, this wine opens with a pretty, aromatic nose of brambly red fruit and creamy vanilla. The palate is layered and expressive, revealing blueberry and blackberry alongside enticing notes of tobacco leaf and subtle herbal nuances. With a seamless harmony of fruit, spice, and freshness, it is perfectly balanced from start to finish, leaving a graceful, lingering impression.

We recommend drinking now through 2029.

Production: 371 cases

Alcohol: 14.9%

pH: 3.78