

# LITTLE ENGINE

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## WINES

### 2023 SILVER PINOT NOIR

#### VITICULTURE NOTES

The Okanagan experienced a significant cold event in November of 2022 shortly after harvest and then another one in late December. Cold temperatures below freezing remained into February and as a result, there was an expectation of significant bud damage. However, the Naramata Bench fared better than most other regions, in part due to the lake effect.

A cool Spring start led to a late bud break at the end of April. This was quickly followed by warm temperatures and moisture and subsequent rapid vine growth. The month of May was the highest GDD ever recorded and flowering began at the end of the month, very early. Most of July was quite and hot and dry and we saw the earliest start to veraison. Fruit development was rapid this season and harvest began on Sept 1st. In particular, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir showed strong growth and better than expected crop yield. The final pick for Little Engine was on Oct 4th making the 2023 the most condensed and rapid harvest the Okanagan has seen.

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Pinot Noir clones in blend: 115, 943, 91, 117, Mt. Eden

Hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard, the Pinot Noir grapes were destemmed only into one-ton fermenters ensuring a high proportion of whole berries. After 6-7 days cold soak, the musts are gradually warmed up to initiate natural fermentations. Daily hand plunging keeps the caps moist and ensures colour and tannin extraction. The fermentation temperatures are maintained cool early and later elevated to aid in phenolic extraction.

#### TASTING NOTES & SUGGESTED CELLARING

This expressive Pinot Noir opens with an elegant bouquet of fresh strawberries, rose petals, and a subtle note of cocoa bean. On the palate, lively acidity and a juicy texture showcase vibrant flavors of red cherry and dried cranberry, accented by a delicate hint of black pepper. The finish is youthful and fresh, leaving a bright, lingering impression of purity and finesse.

Approachable upon release, this wine will develop through 2029.



Production: 672 cases  
Alcohol: 13.9%  
pH: 3.54