

LITTLE ENGINE

W I N E S

2023

VINEYARD SELECT PINOT NOIR



Production: 175 cases
Alcohol: 14.2%
pH: 3.05

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 this 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 Oct 4th making the 2023 the most condensed and rapid harvest the Okanagan has seen.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Comprised of Pinot Noir grapes exclusively from the Trestle Vineyard and the clones 777, 667 and 115. The blocks were individually fermented (uninoculated) in one-ton fermenters and aged in French Oak Puncheons (39% new) and barrels. The final blend is a barrel selection to exhibit the character of Pinot Noir from this vineyard. This wine was unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES & SUGGESTED CELLARING

An elegant and lifted Pinot Noir with notes of red currant and raspberry framed with a touch of cinnamon. Soft violets with layers of bramble berries, rhubarb and herbs linger on the finish. The palate is bright yet plush and reminiscent of cola characters.

Drink now through 2033.