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STEWART FAMILY RESERVE PINOT NOIR | 2021

Built on a legacy of quality and consistency, our Stewart Family Reserve wines are produced from some of the best and oldest vineyards in the Okanagan Valley. A gracious and welcoming legacy continues through this collection with benchmark expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

2021 VINTAGE

Our 2021 growing season was brimming with both challenge and reward. An already hot and dry summer was punctuated by an unprecedented heat dome that settled into the Valley from the end of June through early July. While this climatic occurrence led to a slight dip in expected yields for certain grape varieties, it unveiled a dual-sided tale of triumph. Remarkably diminished disease pressure, high-quality fruit, and a concentration of flavour, resulting in wines of unique character and distinction.

WINEMAKING

This vintage is made from a blend of our premium Pinot Noir blocks and clones grown at our West Kelowna estate. Some of the vines date back to the 1990's, giving this wine it's exceptional fruit complexity. The fruit was hand-picked, destemmed and transferred into stainless steel tanks where it was cold soaked for five days. After 12-18 days on skins, the wine was aged for 16 months in a combination of 34% new and 66% neutral French oak.

ALCOHOL	ACIDITY	pH	RESIDUAL SUGAR
14%	5.6 g/L	3.8	0.9 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Graceful and sophisticated. An herbaceous bouquet of Okanagan sage lifts from the glass followed by black cherry that unfolds perfectly on the palate. Exceptional structure and strong, noble tannins are balanced with elegant natural acids and elevated flavours of cocoa and baking spice.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

The structured palate of this wine would pair perfectly with a roasted chicken served with morels and other wild mushrooms.