

# QUAILS' GATE

*Okanagan Valley*

**Our Distinction Collection offers enthusiasts handcrafted, experimental wines that fine-tune combinations of varieties, clones, rootstocks and winemaking techniques. Like the pattern of a quail's egg of which no two are alike, each batch of wine is unique and bottled in small lots.**

## 2019 QUEUE

Our Upper Boucherie bench vineyard is a unique southern exposure site featuring volcanic soils chock-full of mineral deposits. It is one of the few sites in the Kelowna area that ripens blocks of Merlot, Cabernet and Syrah. As these parcels come in from harvest, they line up in the cellar awaiting winemaker classification for blending. Queue not only captures the essence of these blocks, it is a word derived from the Latin word *cōda* which in music, is an arrangement that punctuates the end of a symphony. Queue - the winemaker's composition

### WINEMAKING .....

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah were picked from our finest blocks and destemmed with skins into stainless steel to reduce damage to seed structure. The wine then underwent two pumpovers a day during peak ferment and was pressed after 30 days on skins. All three varietals were fermented and aged separately for 18 months in 50% new French oak barrels to match the structure and capability of the wine.

### TASTING NOTES .....

Aromas of black cherry, violet, plum, wild Okanagan sage and tobacco. A silky entry with a mid-palate full of rich structured tannins and fine ash-like grains. Intense dark fruit flavours of black cherry and cassis lead to a long persistent finish.



### TASTING NOTES

Alc. by volume: 14.5%  
Total acidity: 6.3 g/l  
Residual sugar: 4 g/l  
pH: 3.7  
SKU code: 409758  
UPC code: 778856419276  
Date bottled: April 2021

### PERFECT PAIRINGS .....

This smooth, rich dark wine blend stands up to the most flavourful, juicy, smoky, and tender pieces of barbecued meats. Try barbecued ribs, beef tenderloin topped with blue cheese, brisket, spiced European sausages or top sirloin skewers with charred vegetables. Perfect for reuniting the family this Summer and Fall.

CELLARING NOTES: Enjoy now and through 2031.