

QUAILS' GATE
Okanagan Valley



DISTINCTION COLLECTION

2020 DIJON CLONE PINOT NOIR, 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.

Our Dijon Clone Pinot Noir is an exclusive selection of our 828, 777 and 667 plantings, dedicated to winery founder Benjamin Stewart who pioneered the introduction of numerous Burgundian clones in Canada. Hand harvested from 15-year-old vines planted in sandy loam, the product of these clones produces denser, flavourful wines that have the tannic balance to age longer than any of our other Pinot Noir.

WINEMAKING

Fruit was hand harvested from our finest blocks using clones 828, 777 and 667, which produce small berries leading to increased concentration and a denser wine with floral and savoury characteristics. Each clone was fermented separately with a five-day cold soak and spent between 12 to 16 days on the skins before pressing off. Aged for 16 months in a mixture of new and neutral French oak.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Dijon Clone Pinot Noir opens with aromas of red cherry, strawberry leaf, blueberry, thyme and cocoa. On the palate, this full-bodied Pinot Noir presents firm tannins with flavours of cherry and baking spice leading to a long-lasting finish.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

This wine would be best enjoyed alongside a wild mushroom risotto, wild salmon or a crispy pan-fried trout. A perfect pairing with an Asian-spiced duck, lean game meats like venison or perhaps a tagine leg of a lamb with your favourite Moroccan spices.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alc. by volume: 13.5%

Total acidity: 4.9 g/l

Residual sugar: 1.7 g/l

pH: 3.62

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Enjoy now through 2030.