

2018 **Block 1A Syrah**
SMALL LOT
100% SYRAH

Our Small Lot series is dedicated to limited production wines that we could not help but bottle on their own. From our 0.78-acre block of Syrah on Becker Vineyard, Block 1A, we selected just two barrels that epitomize everything we love about Syrah from the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench. The 2018 Syrah is an elegant wine from our Becker Estate vineyards from the upper part of the Black Sage Bench. Typical to Syrah is that white pepper note on the nose along joined by the delicious smell of raspberry jam. On the palate, it offers delicate notes of violets, red fruits and just enough of that white pepper to balance, really showing the structure and elegance of this wine.

Becker Vineyard

First planted in 1977 as part of the pioneering Becker Project, Becker Vineyard produces finessed, elegant wines from the upper terrace of the Black Sage Bench.

ESTABLISHED

1993

SOIL

Osoyoos Sandy Loam

ACRES

52.4

ELEVATION

325-380m

The Vintage

A cool start to spring resulted in a slightly later than average bud break. However ideal flowering conditions were possible thanks to warmer temperatures and dry conditions in late spring. Summer was warm allowing for continued fruit development. And the classic long, dry and sunny fall conditions in October really helped with increased flavour development and acidity retention. Harvest 2018 was longer than usual due to the unique conditions experienced during the growing season, nevertheless a promising one.

VINTAGE

2018

RESIDUAL SUGAR

0.1 g/L

HARVEST DATE

October 1

ALCOHOL

14.5%

MATURATION

21 months French Oak

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.9 g/L

BOTTLING DATE

August 2020

pH

3.7

